

Cow boy's Prayer

*O Lord, I've never lived where churches grow;
I've loved creation better as it stood.
That day you finished it, so long ago
And looked upon your work and called it good.*

*Just let me live my life as I've begun!
And give me work that's open to the sky;
Make me a partner of the wind and sun,
And I won't ask a life that's soft and high.*

*Make me as big and open as the plains;
As honest as the horse between my knees;
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains;
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze.*

*Just keep an eye on all that's done and said;
Just right me sometime when I turn aside;
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead-
That stretches upward towards the Great Divide.*

Author Unknown



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In Loving Memory Of
J Z Joe Zorc J Z

December 17, 1924 *December 25, 2016*
Rural Eagle Butte, South Dakota *Rapid City, South Dakota*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

1:00 p.m., Monday, January 2, 2017
All Saints Catholic Church
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Pauline Webb

EULOGIST:

Michael Schatz

CASKETBEARERS:

<i>Ray Anderson</i>	<i>Clayton Reinhard</i>
<i>Shannon Anderson</i>	<i>Brett Fischer</i>
<i>Preston Zorc</i>	<i>Brock Fischer</i>

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

All of Joe's Relatives, Many Friends, and Neighbors

VOCALIST:

Frankie Thompson



Joe Zorc was born on December 17, 1924, to Joe and Rosie (O’Korn) Zorc, on the Zorc homestead, south of Eagle Butte, South Dakota. He was the youngest of eight children and with his passing, came the end of a hard-working generation. Joe made his final journey Christmas morning, 2016, surrounded by his loving family, at the Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Joe attended the Olsen Country School, where he completed his education through the eighth grade. After school, Joe remained on the ranch homestead with his parents, who later moved to Eagle Butte. When Joe’s brother Bill returned from World War II in

1945, he joined Joe in a successful ranching operation, known as the “Zorc Bros.” Ranch. Working and knowing the land was something Joe took great pride in, while humbly raising top quality Hereford and Angus cattle. Joe found fortune in being able to continue to live the life he loved for his 92 years.

In the spring of 1955, Joe met the love of his life, Nina Heffernan. Joe and Nina were married on May 17, 1957 in Pierre, SD. According to Joe, that was the day Nina came to “work” for the ranch. They started their family with daughter, Kathy, son, Joe, and daughters, Vicky and Kristy. Later in life, Joe received great pleasure from his grandchildren Ray, Shannon, Preston, Kaylee, Melissa, Clayton, Keri, Brett, and Brock. The addition of great grandchildren furthered this pleasure for Grandpa Joe. The sharing of a wink, a smile, a high five, a fist pound, a tick tock, or a handshake, was always welcome during greetings and goodbyes with Grandpa Joe. Although drives on the four-wheeler historically related to ranch work, Grandpa Joe always made time for a ride with a grandkid.

Joe was a dedicated husband and father and the best of ranch partners with Bill. A strong work ethic, instilled in Joe at an early age, was ever present and oftentimes extended to helping neighbors. One could always count on Joe to work cattle, help in time of need, or just lend a hand. Joe always enjoyed a cold beer (or two), a good game of cards, and visiting with family and friends. There are many stories Joe enjoyed sharing about the old days and fun times he had with his many good partners. With Joe’s passing, goes a wealth of knowledge and a firsthand account of the homestead days in the gumbo of Ziebach County.

During his time as a Commissioner for Ziebach County, Joe was a strong and experienced voice for the people he represented.

Joe always enjoyed watching a good old western movie, or a Minnesota Twins game. He could tell you most anything about each movie, or player on the Twins roster, and just how good or bad the season, game, or movie was.

Those honored to have shared Joe’s life, include his wife, Nina, children, Kathy (Larry) Anderson, Joe D. (Kathy) Zorc, Vicky (Mark) Reinhard, and Kristy (Festus) Fischer, nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, mother-in-law, Hazel Heffernan and many nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Rosie Zorc, sisters, Josephine Elsey, Rosie Maher, Mary Maher, Cecil Norman, Sophie Holden, and Jenny Schatz, brother, William “Bill” Zorc, and father-in-law, Eddie Heffernan.



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