



*He causes the grass to grow for the  
cattle, And vegetation for the labor of  
man, So that he may bring forth food  
from the earth                      Psalm 104:14*

*Denis M. Walker, 74, of Wecota passed away, Thursday, September 17, 2015 at his home. Denis left his world as he lived it, in his own time and in his own way.*

*Denis Marlin Walker was born November 18, 1940 in Houghton, SD to Charles and Gertrude (Allbee) Walker. The family moved to Centralia, Washington for a few years, where Charlie did construction work. After which they returned to the Walker Family Ranch where Denis lived the rest of his life.*

*Denis attended Stevenson School in Enterprise Township. As a young man he worked for several large ranches, where he learned as much about cattle as he could from men like Ted Jennings, J.K. Mitchell and Jack Adams. He put all he learned into producing some of the best cattle in the country. Denis' life revolved around his cattle and for him it wasn't work.*

*His only hobby was hunting with this best friend, his brother Gale.*

*Left to cherish Denis' life is his siblings: Gale (Jan) of Parkston, Diane Brist of Aberdeen, Carol Walker (Jim Eldringhoff) of Wecota and Larry Frazier of Wright, WY; his nieces and nephews: Brian (Melissa) Walker and daughters, Carrie (Brooks) Goeden, Jason (Kaylene) Walker and sons, Gwen (Jon) Graefe and son, Shawn (Valerie) Brist and sons, David (Gwen) Walker and sons, Alan (Tonya) Walker and children, Pixanna Walker and son, and Kenny (Amy) Walker and son; his aunts: Shirley Ketterling of Bowdle, Doris (Elroy) Ketterling of Spearfish, Irene (Lawrence) Linderman of Bowdle and Lois Ryman of Redfield and one uncle: Edward (Carol) Allbee of Herried.*

*Denis was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Charles and infant brother Darby; and half siblings: Edward, Darryl, Charles, Richard, Willard, Duane, Allan, Dorothy and Delores.*

*In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the Faulkton Area Medical Center Foundation, PO Box 100, Faulkton, SD 57438 or the Aberdeen Human Society, 13452 385th Ave, Aberdeen, SD 57401.*

## *A Cowboy's Prayer*

*Oh Lord, I've never lived where churches grow.  
I love creation better as it stood  
That day you finished it so long ago  
And looked upon your work and called it good.  
I know that others find you in the light  
That's sifted down through tinted windowpanes.  
And yet I seem to feel you near tonight  
In this dim, quiet starlight on the plains.*

*I thank you, Lord, that I am placed so well  
That you have made my freedom so complete:  
That I'm no slave to whistle, clock or bell,  
Nor weak-eyed prisoner of wall and street.  
Just let me live my life as I've begun  
And give me work that's open to the sky;  
Make me a pardoner of the wind and sun,  
And I won't ask a life that's soft or high.*

*Let me be easy on the man that's down:  
Let me be square and generous with all.  
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town,  
But never let'em say I'm mean or small  
Make me as big and open as the plains.  
As honest as the hawse between my knees,  
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains,  
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze!*

*Forgive me, Lord, if sometimes I forget.  
You know about the reasons that are hid.  
You understand the things that gall and fret:  
You know me better than my mother did.  
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said  
And right me, sometimes, when I turn aside,  
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead  
That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.*

## In Loving Memory of Denis Marlin Walker

**Memorial Service:** 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 21, 2015  
United Church of Faulkton, Faulkton, South Dakota

**Officiating:** Rev. Bill Hoffman

**Eulogist:** Gale Walker

### **Honorary Casketbearers:**

Gene Holsing  
Roger Clement  
Larry Frasier  
Brook Goeden  
Alan Walker

Nick Holt  
Brady Hyatt  
Jason Walker  
Jon Graefe  
Pixanna Walker

Kenny Walker

Dale Gebhard  
Russell Hinders  
Brian Walker  
David Walker  
Caleb Johnson

**Ushers:** Allen Hadrick and Robert Hadrick

**Organist:** Judy Dixon

**Musical Selections:** "On Eagle's Wings" "Go Rest High on That Mountain"  
"I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You" "Amazing Grace"

**Inurnment:** Walker Family Cemetery, Wecota, South Dakota