



Donald "Bart" Bartlett, 80, of Gettysburg, passed away Friday, February 25, 2011 at his home.

Donald Judd (Bart) Bartlett was born June 9, 1930 at home at DeGrey, SD, and passed away at home near Gettysburg, SD on February 25, 2011. His parents were Amos and Alice (Keyes) Bartlett and he joined his brothers Robert and Wayne and sister Betty. Later his brothers Roger and Jack joined the family. He spent his boyhood at DeGrey, SD where he started school. In

1943 his parents moved to a farm in Raber Township where he graduated from the 8th grade at Giddings rural school.

"Bart" as he was called by everyone, started working at the Chas Hyde Ranch in 1945, when he was 15 years old. He worked there until 1953.

He married Florence Uecker of DeGrey, SD June 2, 1951 and their marriage was blessed with five children, Mike, Janet, Janice, Nancy and Kirby.

In 1953 Bart and Florence left the Hyde Ranch to work at the Earl Sonnenchein Ranch on the Cheyenne River. When Florence's brother in law, Sam Hieb died, they rented her sister Marie's place for 5 years. From there they moved to the Schmitz place near Hayes where they had their own ranch. When the Schmitz brothers took over their place, Bart and Florence and family worked for Pierre Williams for several years, then returned to the east side of the river to work at the Tug Bush place in Sully County, and from there moved to the VE ranch where he was manager for many years. When the ranch sold out in 1999, they retired due to ill health to their home at Bob's Resort near Gettysburg, SD, where he and Florence processed wild geese and pheasants for hunters in the area.

Bart's hard work ethic and his good humor made him popular with all who knew him. His grandchildren were very special to him and he was much loved by friends and family. Ranch work was his life time occupation and he loved getting on his saddle horse to work with cattle and horses.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife Florence for over 60 years, five children, Mike (Sandy), Bayard, Nebraska, Janet, Blunt, SD, Kirby (Susan). Hays, Kansas, Janice and Nancy at home, grandchildren Brett, Anita and Bart Bartlett, brother Jack (Maureen) Bartlett and sister Betty Sherwood, and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Robert, Wayne and Roger.



Gettysburg, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

In Loving Memory Of

Donald "Bart" Bartlett

June 9, 1930
DeGrey, South Dakota

February 25, 2011
Gettysburg, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES:
11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2011
United Methodist Church
Blunt, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:
Pastor Jenene Earl

CASKETBEARERS:
Brett Bartlett Kirby Bartlett
Anita Bartlett Mike Bartlett
Bart Bartlett Rusty Pearman

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:
All of Bart's Family and Friends

VOCALIST:
Allison Goebel

SONGS:
"Wings of a Snow White Dove"
"In the Garden"

INTERMENT:
Pleasant Hill Cemetery
Blunt, South Dakota

**Lay Me Down
(A Cowboy's Prayer)**

When I die, please bury me
where prairie winds sweep wild and
free.

No town, no church, no box to fill,
just take me to the cactus hills,

where eagles swoop and coyotes
mourn,
and mark my grave with huisache
thorns.

Lay me where fat cattle roam.
Return me to my Western home.

Don't cry for me. I am content
to lay down where my life was spent.

Let my sunset match the glow
of fading day where greasewoods
grow.

Let my dirge be maverick cries.
Release my spirit to the skies.

Plant me where dust devils play.
Please lay me down to rest this way.

Spare, perhaps, one wistful sigh,
then ride off with a last goodbye.

**Donald "Bart" Bartlett
1930 ~ 2011**

