

# Dale Brehe



Dale Dean Brehe was born to Albert and Ella (Olson) Brehe on August 22, 1952 in Hoven, SD. He went to Cass country school and Agar High School. After leaving high school early, he worked in Colorado, and then returned to South Dakota to work briefly in Holabird, finally returning to work in the Agar area and went to shoeing school. He met Jane Marie Schmitgen through the youth group at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Onida, SD. They were united in marriage on May 29, 1976. They had their first child, Micky Lee on January 2, 1979, closely followed by Jenny Marie on September 12, 1980.

Dale loved animals. On the Brehe ranch were horses, mules, a donkey, cats, dogs, geese, chickens, pheasants, baby calves, buffalo, a few black buck antelope, sheep, barbadol sheep, rabbits, goats (dairy and the curly angoras), llamas, a potbellied pig, and later emus and ostriches. He raised Simmental cattle, Gelbvieh, Angus, and later Akaushi crosses. He also had a dairy for a short time. Dale and Jane's place was known as the petting zoo by many children in the area. Dale learned to drive teams of horses from his Dad, and developed a lifelong love of wagon trains, through which he made many friends that became the family's wagon train family.

In 1989, he took the entire family on the 3 month Centennial Wagon train across the state of South Dakota. He ended with the 125th Wagon Train this past September. He loved taking his grandkids and many other kids, young and old along on hay rides or wagon trains, and the annual Nite Before Xmas Hayride in Onida.

He was actively involved in St. John's Lutheran in Agar as a youth group leader, a voter, Sunday school superintendent, and President of the congregation, later joining Holy Cross, Onida as a voter. He attended numerous meetings as an LCMS delegate for the church at district and national conventions. He was AAL and Thrivent president for years. He served on the Young Farmer Ranch board, Sully County Farm Bureau both as a member and as president. Dale was a 4-H leader for 27 years and 4-H Council President. He and Jane started the 4-H Archery program in 1992 and touched the lives of many kids, and had lots of fun. He was also a member of the Audubon Society and Rabbit Club in Pierre, the Agar Fire Department, a lifetime member of the North American Hunting Club, and of the NRA. Dale and Jane received the conservation award and the Rural School Award for support of the Agar school and community. Dale was always ready to lend a helping hand, whenever and wherever needed. He greeted people with a big smile and a friendly handshake. He always believed there is a reason for everything that happens, we may not know, but there is a reason.

His survivors include his precious wife, Jane; his two wonderful children: Micky of Agar, Jenny (Rev. David) Brinkmeyer of Pleasant Dale, NE; four fun grandchildren: Abigail, 8, Joshua, 6, Micah, 4, and Chloe, 2; three sisters: Bonnie Smith, Connie (Eric) Hedeem, and Bobbie (Lee) Bierman; lots of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews; and numerous relatives and many, many friends that he called family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Ella Brehe; nephew, Kelly Smith; brother-in-law, Elmer Smith; and one great nephew, Sam Bierman.



### *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*

## *Dale Dean Brehe*

August 22, 1952  
Hoven, South Dakota

November 17, 2014  
Agar, South Dakota

***Prayer Service:*** 4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 23, 2014  
Agar Hall, Agar, South Dakota

***Celebration of Life Service:*** 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 24, 2014  
Agar Hall, Agar, South Dakota

***Officiating:*** Pastor Luke Edwards

***Honor Bearers:*** All of Dale's Nieces and Nephews

***Ushers:*** Larry Wilcox, Randy Johnson, Don Schneider, Scott Currier, Elmer Goosen

***Organist:*** Marla Mosiman

***Vocalist:*** Brian Bergeleen ~ "Amazing Grace"

***Hymns:*** "Abide With Me" "On Eagle's Wings"  
"Go My Children With My Blessing"

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