



***The Cowboy and the Preacher
Ridin' For The Brand***

By Bill Bunting

*An old cowboy and a preacher met on the prairie
One day, one ridin' a buckskin- the other a bay.
They squatted in the shade of a lone cedar tree
Scratchin' the dirt with a stick; contemplatin' you see.
Comparing their lives, and the old cowboy, he spoke
Of the brands he had rid for, the horses he'd broke
Of the herds he had gathered and held at all cost,
Of hours spent riding when a few head were lost.
"You'd give up your life when you rode for the brand,
'Cause of this we buried many a good hand.
But as you can see I'm well past my prime
The boss says soon I'll have to draw up my time.
What can I do? I'm too tough to cry,
But I'm too old to work and I'm too young to die."

The preacher stirred the dirt with his stick for awhile,
Then looked the old cowboy in the eye with a smile
And said, "I too ride for the brand,
The scars are the nail holes in the palms of His hands.
I've gathered a herd and hold for my Boss,
I'm always out looking for those who are lost.
Many have given their lives for this brand,
We all may be called on to take up a stand.
But you're never too old to ride with my crew,
When you sign on here you're made as if new."
Well, the old cowboy that day hired on for a new boss
And his foreman's the one who died on the cross.
And he can ride happy to the end of his days
'Cause there's no end to the gather of the lost and the strays.*



Gettysburg, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory Of

Ronald Morris Larson

May 5, 1935

Juanita, North Dakota

February 9, 2015

Gettysburg, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 12, 2015

United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

2:00 p.m., Friday, February 13, 2015

United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: *Pastor Jeff Adel and Pastor Loren Franchuk*

CASKETBEARERS: "Grandsons"

<i>Joey Carda</i>	<i>Clint Larson</i>
<i>Adam Carda</i>	<i>Micah Moran</i>
<i>Tyrel Larson</i>	<i>William Larson</i>
<i>Cole Larson</i>	<i>Ben Cochran</i>
<i>Robby Gallagher</i>	<i>Andy Davis</i>

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

*Mike Hepper, Art Beringer, Jon Miller, Vic Beringer,
Jerry Hawkinson, Marlin Miller, Bill Eliason and Mike Clark*

USHERS: *Bill Fischer and Bill Wuttke*

MUSICIAN: *Nancy Smith*

VOCALISTS: *Bill Moran, Rob Marcotte and Lori Cook*

MUSICAL SELECTIONS: *Ronald's Favorite Hymns*

INTERMENT:

Gettysburg Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

Ronald M. Larson was born May 5, 1935 to Walter and Rose (Glaser) Larson at Juanita, North Dakota. Ronald attended a one room school from 1st to 8th grade and graduated from high school at Carrington, ND. He graduated college from NDSU. He was involved in agriculture which focused on 4-H and FFA judging teams. In college he was on the NDSU Meats and Livestock judging teams. He enlisted in the North Dakota National Guard for six years and became a First Sergeant and also a training officer.

Ronald worked with his dad on their farm and raised breeding stocks that were sold throughout the Midwest and Canada. Through this adventure he met hundreds of people who became friends. He was always thankful to have worked with Draft Horses and Polled Shorthorn Cattle.

He came to work in Onaka for the Nold's Weston Shorthorn Ranch, which was a leader in Scientific Advancement. They also were the first one to own and sell Big Round Vermeer Balers in South Dakota. They sold cattle during this time to twenty-three states, Canada, Russia and Mexico. He was invited as the guest speaker in many surrounding states and was also asked to judge cattle at many cattle shows and fairs. Throughout his life he worked with 39 breeds of cattle.

Ronald custom baled for a lot of years for many farmers and ranchers. He also fertility checked bulls for many cattlemen.

He worked for Prudential Financial for many years.

Ronald loved the Lord Jesus Christ and attended church and Sunday school his entire life. He has been a member of Calvary Baptist Church since 1945. Over the years he has taught many Sunday school classes. He passed on his love for the Lord to all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ronald met the love of his life Renee' Cook. They were married October 23, 1955 in Carrington, ND. Renee' was an exemplary example of what a Christian woman should be. She loved her husband, family and friends and everyone she came in contact with. To this union was born: Rozann (Steve) Kunstle, Juli (Bill) Moran, Morgan (Raylene) Larson, DeeDee (Todd) Carda, Nathan (Kim) Larson, Joshua (Brooke) Larson and Sarah Larson. They have 22 grandchildren: Annie (Ben) Cochran, Lacey (Robby) Gallagher, Emily, Hannah, Micah Moran, Jessica (Andy) Davis, Tyrel (Ali) Larson, Joey (Lauren) Carda, Adam (Katie) Carda, Mallory Carda (Jared Dean), Clint and Cole Larson (Courtney Barber), and Cameron and William Larson. Great-grandchildren, Hosea, Obadiah & Eliza Cochran, Liam Gallagher, Riley Davis, Tayden and Tucker Larson and Dillon and Noah Larson.

To all who knew Ronald well, they knew that he was an avid Dallas Cowboy's fan and a staunch Republican (and hoped you all were too!!!)

His pride and joy was his family and he always took in as many of their events as he could to cheer them on. He prided himself in helping his children to achieve their goals and to work hard to attain even higher goals than they thought possible.

Ronald's last big event was to fly to California in October to watch his grandson, Joey, get married on the beach!

Ronald is survived by wife; children; grandchildren; great grandchildren; his brother, Lyndon (Julie) Larson; and sister, Colleen (Bob) Anderson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Carlton, Cliff, Virgil and Tom Larson and a daughter, Sarah Larson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Christian Worship Hour, Samaritan's Purse or the Wounded Warrior Project.

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