



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

Walter "Sid" Bown

May 23, 1918
Sully Co., South Dakota

November 16, 2020
Pierre, South Dakota

GRAVESIDE SERVICE:

11:00 a.m., Friday, November 20, 2020
Gettysburg Cemetery
Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Jeff Adel

EULOGIST:

Tom Bown

CASKET BEARERS:

Kristen Steinhaus
Crystal Bown
Les Bown
Doug Marsh
Pete Severtson
Scott Collison

MUSIC:

"On Eagle's Wings"



Gettysburg, South Dakota
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Walter Sidney Bown, age 102, of Pierre and formerly of Onida, passed away Monday, November 16, 2020, at Avantara, Pierre.

Sidney Bown was born May 23, 1918, at the family ranch in Northeast Sully County, SD. He was the sixth of eight sons born to James and Clara (Wilding) Bown on the family ranch.

He attended East Cora rural school until the 8th grade and worked on the family ranch with his seven brothers until his marriage to Lorraine Hord on April 18, 1942.

Sidney and Lorraine moved from the family ranch to one mile east and started their own cattle herd, farming and ranching. He spent 54 years farming and ranching. Later in life they were avid square dancers and traveled to different places of interest. Sidney loved the times he spent with family and friends.

Sidney moved to Pierre, SD in 2013 where he lived out the rest of his life. The last six years he made his home at Avantara Pierre. He loved everybody and they loved him. He enjoyed many hugs from the kind staff and those that visited him, especially his special friend Jan and her many visits.

Sid is survived by his children: Michael David (Dianne) of St. Petersburg, FL, Nicholas Charles (Crystal) of Pierre and Debra Joan of Dallas, TX; grandchildren: Michelle (Matt) Bown, Leslie and Clayton Bown, Kristin (David) Steinhaus and Trevor Boldin; and seven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Sid was preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Lorraine; and seven brothers: Marian, John, Kenny, Vern, James, Fred, and Robert.

