

March 5, 1945 - March 2, 2011

Thomas R. Carroll



A RANCHER'S WORK

by Roy Miller

Early to bed and early to rise,
This phrase sure enough to Rancher applies;
He has worked on all kind of whole year thru
From daylight till dark, if he really wants to.

Some started colts that sure 'nough need rode;
That alfalfa patch should be re-sowed.
There's fence that needs stretchin' and some new posts too;
Hay to put up, for the summer is thru

Constantly checkin' and doctorin' to do;
Refilling the creep, salt and mineral too.
There's broke down equipment sure needs to be fixed,
A left open gate...steets and heifers are mixed!

There's cake to scatter and ice to chop;
Horses to show so you don't take a flop!
Endless hours that last all night
At calvin' time if you're doin' it right.

Seeding in Spring so you have a crop;
Sweeping hay and stack to "top".
Cleanin' the barn means manure to pitch.
And for the wet years there's water to "ditch".

If you work all the time, it's too long a "haul";
We play once in a while, and have us a ball.
We practice 'bout mid-week, I said with a grin;
There's a ropin' this weekend, I'd sure like to win!

Thomas R. Carroll, 65, of Harrold, passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at his home.

Tom was born to Dan and Alvina (Hoffman) Carroll on March 5, 1945 in Pierre, South Dakota. Tom attended Harrold School through his junior year and then quit to work on the family ranch. He married Marlene Olson in 1965 and together had four children: Brenda June, Bernie Ray, Tana Lynne and Justin Thomas.

Tom's greatest passion was watching his family work on the family ranch and riding the quarter horses he dearly loved and raised. His most loved joy was watching his grandchildren grow and pursue their own dreams and talents. Each one of his grandchildren had a love for cattle and horses just like grandpa. Watching his kids' rodeos, go kart racing and fixing up their cars brought great joy to Tom.

The families that shared in Tom's life were his wife of 46 years, Marlene Carroll; four children: Brenda Carroll and son, Thane; Bernie (Connie) Carroll and children, Austin, Lacey, Collin and Cheyenne; Tana (Jon) Gortmaker and son, Lane; Justin (Amber) Carroll and son, Stetson; one sister, Gladys Buechler; mother-in-law, June Olson and numerous other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Alvina Carroll; step-father, Roy Kathner; one brother-in-law, Dalmer Buechler; and father-in-law, LeRoy Olson.



Highmore, South Dakota
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Celebrating the Life of
THOMAS RAY CARROLL

Funeral Service

10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 5, 2011

United Methodist Church – Highmore, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Jenene Earl

Casketbearers

Cody Ramsey
Wade Bronemann

Mark Klebsch
John Crain

Jerald Bronemann
Johnny Gluhm

Honorary Casketbearers

Wilbur Hoffman
Marty Stiefel
Bill Delay

Roger Wentzel
Kenny Marso

Ross Krull
Norm Galinet

All his many beloved friends and family

Ushers

Jim Hoffman – Morrie Hoffman

Guestbook and Flowerbearer

Mary Lee Klebsch

Music Selections

Music chosen by Collin Carroll and Matt Myers

“Once In A While”

“When I Get Where I’m Going”

“I Can Only Imagine”

Interment

Highmore Cemetery – Highmore, South Dakota