



Bret T. Bloomenrader, 70, of Highmore, peacefully passed away Thursday, November 30, 2023, at Highmore Health.

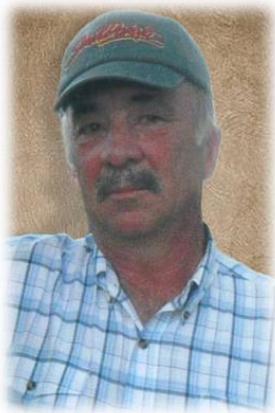
Bret Thomas Bloomenrader was born in Pierre, SD on February 22, 1953, to Virginia (Hartshorn) and Leon Bloomenrader. Bret moved to California after graduating from Highmore High School in 1971 and enjoyed big city (hippie) life for a while. He eventually made his way back to South Dakota, working in Sioux City, Iowa at a packing plant. After several years, he moved back to Highmore to work on the Bloomenrader Ranch.

Bret had a soft spot for animals, which anyone who saw him with his cats and dogs over the years could verify. He also had his favorites among "his girls" in the pasture and gave them names and could tell you who was a good mom and who was not so much. He was glad to be a part of the Highmore ranching/agricultural community and appreciated the special relationships with the families in the area. He enjoyed his frequent visits to Mac's Corner to keep up on all the local happenings.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy; brother, Scott (Karen); brother-in-law and best friends, Dale Kiepke and Brendan Gallagher; sister-in-law, Carla Bloomenrader; numerous nieces and nephews; and all his cattle working friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Judy, Dennis, and Ricki.

A special thank you goes to Cody Bloomenrader for his care, help, and kindness for Bret in his final months.



Bret Bloomenrader

February 22, 1953 – November 30, 2023

Celebration of Life:

10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Hyde County Memorial Auditorium

Highmore, South Dakota

