

Cowboy Sunday

I'm not too good at prayin', Lord
and You may not know me very well.
For I haven't been inside a church,
in quite a long, long spell.
But You may still have seen me, Lord,
here on this dusty trail,
herdin' after cattle
through the snow and rain and hail.
And as I ride I do give thanks
for the miracles I see ~
the clear blue sky, the buttercups,
the buzzing little bee.
I give thanks for the soft green grass
that feeds the cattle that we tend;
it also gives my bed some comfort
when the day is at an end.
With each hill and valley,
along each dusty mile,
I find some beauty You created
and I cannot help but smile.
I'm far from being a preacher, Lord,
but I'll offer my humble prayer
that love and kindness will be my guide
as I'm roamin' here and there.
I pray that I might live my life
in a way that brings You joy.
But if I slip every now and then,
take pity on this poor cowboy.
-Author Unknown

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Celebrating A LIFE

Jerry Don Shaffner

January 8, 1954

December 17, 2021

"There will come a time when you
believe everything is finished;
that will be the beginning."

-Louis L'Amour

Jerry D. Shaffner, 67, of Ree Heights, SD passed away Friday, December 17, 2021, peacefully at his home.

Jerry Don Shaffner, or Shifty as many knew him, was born January 8, 1954, in Pierre, South Dakota to Claude Mark and Carol (Cunningham) Shaffner.

As a youth, he was an avid outdoorsman, trapping and fishing at every turn. Jerry also enjoyed his time playing football and wrestling until he graduated high school in 1972 from Stanley County.

After high school, Jerry moved to the family farm south of Ree Heights. On August 22, 1975, he married Elizabeth Kuper. To this union, three children were born: Laura Lea, Brent Jerry, and Ashley May Shaffner.

He continued living on the farm until the mid-1980's when he moved the family into Ree Heights. He continued operating the farm well into the 1990's until eventually working for Jim Iverson as a farm hand prior to retirement.

Jerry loved farming and natural beauty. He especially enjoyed taking kids fishing and teaching them the "right way" to do it. He was always eager for trips to the river to find some walleyes but made sure to bond with family along the way. He was a trusted confidant to many friends and family. Known for being a fairly quiet man, people loved his wit when he decided to chime in. Jerry had a wonderful sense of humor and an unforgettable grin. He was a good pool player, but a great card player. His passion for card games was well known, especially to "The Knights of the Round Table" that he spent so many years playing pinochle with.

His memory will be cherished by three children: Laura (Brian) Schwartz, Brent (Jamie) Shaffner, and Ashley (Jesse) Alvarado; grandchildren: Ellie, Kennedy, and Aubree Schwartz and arriving soon, Gabriella Alvarado; Brother, Carl (LeEtta) Shaffner, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Edward "Butch" Shaffner; brothers-in-law Jon Nacke and Gary Gabriel; nephews: Michael and Darren Gabriel; sister-in-law LaRita Harrison; special uncle and aunt, Clyde and Evelyn Shaffner; and his parents-in-law, George and Ella Kuper.

CELEBRATION OF JERRY'S LIFE

2:00 p.m.,

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

Ree Heights Auditorium

HONORARY URNBEARERS

John & Shane Shaffner

Mark & Justin Gabriel

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Song: "How Great Thou Art"
sung by Josh Turner

Welcome

Prayer

Scripture: Romans 12:2 & Psalms 23

Poem: *Cowboy Sunday*
read by Dustin Moser

Eulogy: Mark Gabriel

Song: "My Way"
recorded by Gary "Gabby" Gabriel

Responsive Prayer
please respond: 'We Remember You'

The Lord's Prayer

Special Thanks

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Song: "King of the Road"
sung by Dave Blachford