

To the Heavens Came a Cowboy

To the heavens came a cowboy, a different sort of guy,
He figured you could run cattle even up there in the sky.
The Lord said, "I'm your shepherd Son, you're in heaven now,
we just don't have room up here for all those white cows".

But he said, "Sure you do just give me that cloud there,
I'll trade you all my work and time, I think you'll find that's fair?"
This man was a worker and would take on any battle,
He'd make it work no matter what
soon they'd all be runnin' cattle.

Some said, "How do you do it?
How do you make things work so well?"
He cleared his throat and swallowed and said, "I'll never tell."
He really loved his cows and was with them every day.
When asked about it he just said, "I lived and died that way."

Some up there were jealous and said it right out loud,
"What's this guy think he can do, own every single cloud?"
But this man had ambition with lots to try and keep,
Some said, "How does he do it, does he ever sleep?"

Now he's known throughout the heavens and his place is the best,
Things keep on getting bigger for him, there's just no rest.
He's happy up there now but things just aren't quite right.
He gets a little bit behind on the paper work at night.

He needs a secretary, he's kinda in a bind,
but there's no need applying, he has someone special in mind,
He sees the people gathered to pay their respects and thinks,
"Don't all just stand around, there must be fence to fix."

He looks down on the world, this crazy place we live,
Where some just seem to take and take and others always give.
He loved his family and friends that stood out very well
Though words would never say it much, I'm sure we all could tell.

He thinks about those close to him, there's more than I can name.
We can now all rest assured, his thoughts are with those of
you who came. I guess we never know how it will start or end.
It's nice to know that when we go up there, we'll have a friend.

Prayer Service:

7:00 p.m., Friday, July 22, 2022
St. Ann's Catholic Church
Miller, South Dakota

Funeral Mass:

10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 23, 2022
St. Ann's Catholic Church
Miller, South Dakota

Celebrants: Fr. Paul Josten
Fr. Ed Vanorny ~ Fr. Ron Garry

Casketbearers:

Matthew Odden ~ Joseph Odden
Christopher Odden
Jade Morgan ~ David Strain

Honorary Casketbearers:

Miller Lions Club
St. Ann's Knights of Columbus

Giftbearers: Delmar's Great Grandchildren

Lectors: Susi Odden ~ Robin Strain

Musician: Connie Schroeder

Musical Selections:

"Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore" #496
"I Will Rise" ~ "Hallelujah"

Interment with military honors:

St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery
Miller, South Dakota

Arrangements Entrusted to



Miller, South Dakota
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Celebrating THE *Life* OF



Delmar Fawcett

December 11, 1933 ~ July 15, 2022





Delmar Fawcett, 88, of Ree Heights, passed away peacefully with family present, Friday, July 15, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Delmar was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre, SD. He was the oldest of three children born to Matthew Clare and Leona (Lippert) Fawcett. He grew up south of Ree Heights, first in Cedar township and then in 1942 the family moved to a ranch in Green Valley, which the family still operates today. He attended country school at Spring Hill and often rode his horse to school. After 8th grade, Delmar attended high school in Miller, graduating in 1951. On May 28, 1955, he married Patricia Ann Faust and they settled on the family ranch. To this union were born 3 children: Susanne, Robin and Brian.

Service to our country was important to Delmar and he served in the National Guard. He was very community minded and served on the Miller School Board, County Commissioners, FHA board, Ree Heights Town and Country, SD Charolais Association, Hand County Crop and Livestock Association, and Spring Hill Township board. He was in the Miller Lions Club for over 60 years. Delmar was a 4-H member as a youth and continued his support of the program as a 4-H leader for 20 years. He also served as president of the State 4-H Advisory Board. Serving as assistant Beef Superintendent at the South Dakota State Fair for 20 years allowed him a chance to visit with fellow cattlemen and swap stories about the cattle industry.

Religion was very important to Delmar. He remembered as a boy the Bible being read every morning. He taught Jr. High religious education and was a lector at St. Ann's for several years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and helped with many community functions. He was very proud of his son, Brian, being ordained a Catholic priest.

Delmar experienced numerous changes in his lifetime and embraced them all. He remembered when electricity first came to the area. He also recalled party line telephones, two longs and a short was their ring. Feeding cattle with a team of horses was replaced with tractors and loaders. All great advancements. Family and ranching were very important to Delmar. Hard work was his friend, ranching was his vacation. Transitioning from a commercial operation to raising purebred Charolais cattle was another change he embraced. Seeing the cattle on the hills of Green Valley always brought him joy. He enjoyed attending children's and grandchildren's events and activities. The fact that the ranch has remained in the family was a source of pride.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Patty, and children: Susi (Dean) Odden, Ree Heights; Robin (Michael) Strain, Sturgis; his grandchildren: Matthew (Sara) Odden, Rapid City; Joseph Odden, Sioux Falls; Christopher Odden, Ree Heights; Jade (Ben) Morgan, Greeley, CO; David (Amre) Strain, Urbandale, IA; 6 great grandchildren; sister, Yvonne Davis, Huron; sister-in-law, Berniece Banman, Meridian, ID; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Bertha; and son, Brian.

