

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.

A Life Remembered



Donald M. Moriarty

September 19, 1937 – September 4, 2022





Don Moriarty, 84, of St. Lawrence, passed away Sunday, September 4, 2022, at Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital, Miller.

Don was born September 19, 1937, to Maurice and Amanda (Walstad) Moriarty in their home in the rural Vayland (St. Lawrence) area. Donald went to elementary school in a one room rural schoolhouse. He graduated from Wessington High School in the spring of 1956. In 1961, he joined the United States Army, receiving basic training in Colorado, and served the rest of his enlistment in Alaska. He returned home and farmed and ranched for the remainder of his days.

Don served on the Hiland Township Board for many years and was also a member of the Wessington Legion. When Don had the time, he enjoyed woodworking and coming to town for coffee and visiting with the community.

Donald is survived by three sisters: Helen Moriarty, Mildred "Midge" Esser, and Karen Haigh; two brothers: Richard Moriarty, and Robert "Bob" (Pat) Moriarty; one sister-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Maurice "Mory" and Amanda "Molly" Moriarty; two sisters: Ruth Moriarty and Dorothy Steiner; three brothers-in-law: Jack Steiner, Don Esser, and Richard "Dick" Haigh.

Donald M. Moriarty

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 10, 2022
First Presbyterian Church
Wessington, South Dakota

OFFICIANT:

Brad Magness

HONORARY URNBEARERS:

All of Don's many friends

VOCALIST:

Lori Magness

MUSIC SELECTIONS:

"The Lord's Prayer"
"In The Garden"

MILITARY HONORS:

Watson-Krauter Post #110
American Legion

INURNMENT: At A Later Date

Wessington Cemetery
Wessington, South Dakota

*Please join the family immediately following the service
for lunch and fellowship in the church fellowship hall*

Arrangements Entrusted To



Miller, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net