

Howard Owen Blachford, 86, of Orient, passed away February 9, 2023, at Avantara Redfield.

Howard Owen Blachford was born August 20, 1936, in Faulkton, SD, to Harold and Mabel (Larson) Blachford. Howard lived his entire life on the Blachford ranch in Orient, South Dakota. His older sister Elaine, and him rode his horse to country school. Howard graduated from Miller High School in 1954. Howard served his country during the Korean War and was stationed in South Korea. He was honorably discharged.

Howard and his father, Harold, farmed and ranched together and raised registered Hereford livestock.

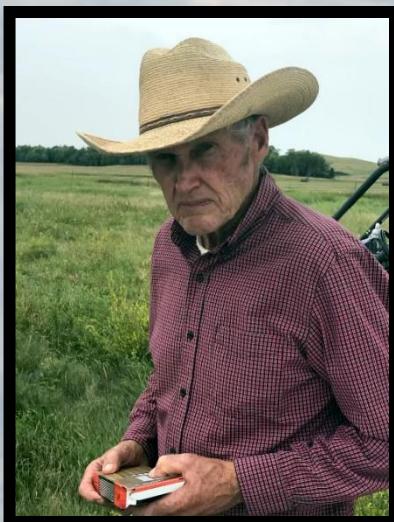
Howard married Marie Spencer Fischer on December 4, 1972, in the Orient Lutheran Church. To this union, two sons were born: Clayton James (1973) and Matthew Owen (1975). Howard and Marie were married for 48 years. They attended the Orient Lutheran Church and family was the center of their lives.

Howard was a man of Faith and studied the Bible. He was a steward of the land and was proud of his trees and gardens. Howard was a true cowboy who exhibited loyalty, integrity, and honesty. He was a quiet, gentle, kind man who loved to discuss world news, local news, and politics.

He was deeply loved!

Howard is survived by his sons: Clayton Blachford (Jaci) of Northville, and Matthew Blachford (Cassandra) of Orient; stepchildren: Marla Fischer Nelson of Sioux Falls and Jeffrey Fischer (Heidi) of Brookings; three grandchildren: Aaron and Tara Blachford of Northville and Lydia Blachford of Orient; eight step grandchildren: Amy (Joe) Ryan, Kyle (Lindsey) Fischer, Ambur (Tyler) Zmuda, Ryan Fischer, Michael Houtman, Patrick (Dottie) Houtman, Lucas (Jessica) Houtman, and Sean Hauck; 14 step great grandchildren; sister, Elaine Blachford Trotman of Kalispell, Montana; nephew, Kenneth Trotman (Sue) of Portland, Oregon; and niece, LeAnne (Dan) Smith of Fortine, Montana.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marie (2020); step grandson, Eric Robinson; nephew, Doug Trotman; and brother-in-law, Neil Trotman.



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August 20, 1936 – February 9, 2023

Celebration of Life

1:30 p.m., Saturday, February 18, 2023

Reck Funeral Home

Miller, South Dakota