



Mike Cook
March 17, 1949 - May 2, 2023

A Life Well Lived....

Michael (Mike) Morris Cook of Ree Heights, South Dakota passed away at Avera McKennan Hospital on May 2, 2023, at the age of 74 with his family at his side.

Mike was born March 17, 1949, to Jacques (Jack) and Georgia Cook in Miller, SD. He graduated from Miller High School in 1967. After graduating, Mike went to work on his family's ranch south of Ree Heights. In 1971, he married the love of his life, Shirley Eschenbaum, and they moved into the house on the ranch where they lived until 1995 when they moved to the booming metropolis that is Ree Heights.

Mike spent his days working on the ranch. Through the years, he took care of his herd of cattle as well as ran summer grazing for yearlings and pairs for others. This included his parents "hobby herd" of over 200 Texas longhorns. He found several other jobs to keep him busy that included digging wells, custom haying, consigning cattle for auction barns, custom weed spraying, and hunting guide. Even though he had several different jobs throughout the years, his true love was spending time on the land.

While Mike's primary hobby was spending time on the ranch he also greatly enjoyed fishing and hunting. Deer season was his favorite time of the year and he always looked forward to spending that time with his friends and family trying to get "the big one". In his later years, he spent many hours making sure the local birds and squirrels were well fed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley; son, Vance (Rikki) Cook of New Hampton, Iowa; grandchildren: Anekka (Michael) White of Fort Dodge, Iowa, Devin Cook of Stanhope, Iowa; great-grandchildren: Kingstyn White and Katalayha White of Fort Dodge, Iowa; his sister: Jackie (Jerry) Poindexter of Miller, SD; as well as several uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Georgia Cook of Ree Heights; stepfather, Don Soper of Ree Heights; and his brother, Terry Cook of Alaska.



Arrangements Entrusted to
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