

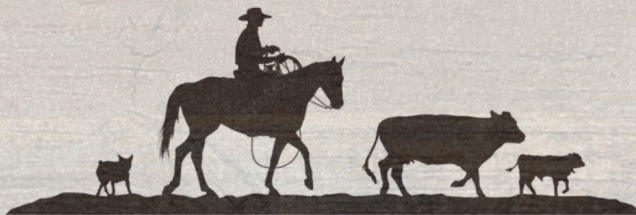
A Cattleman's Farewell

He was a cattleman. He knew the land, the seasons, and the sound of cattle calling. He rose early, worked long days, and never asked the land or his livestock to give more than he was willing to give himself. He cared for his herd through heat, cold, drought, and storm.

Now his earthly work is finished. The gates of his last pasture have opened, and he has gone home to the Great Shepherd. May he rest in peace, knowing that the herd is cared for and the work of his hands will live on.

Randy Lee Fawcett

10/21/1955 - 08/18/2026



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In Memory Of
Randy Lee Fawcett

October 21, 1955 - August 18, 2026



Randy Lee Fawcett, 70, of Miller, passed on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at the Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital in Miller. He lived with independence, grit, and deep devotion to the land and animals he cared for.

Randy Lee Fawcett was born October 21, 1955, in Miller, South Dakota, to Wayne and Helen (Hines) Fawcett. Randy grew up on the family ranch and attended Ohio Elementary School through 8th grade, then went to Sunshine Bible Academy, where he graduated. He attended Mitchell Technical Institute for Agriculture. Ranching wasn't just his livelihood—it was his identity. He spent his entire life on the Bluebird Ranch, where he developed an uncanny ability to know his cattle individually and intuitively. His nieces often joked that the bulls were his “exes,” the cows were his “girlfriends,” and the calves were his “babies,” reflecting both his humor and the deep connection he had with his herd.

Not only was Randy devoted to raising cattle, but he also farmed the land, tending fields of corn, soybeans, and hay. The rhythm of planting, growing, and harvest was woven into his everyday life, another way he stayed connected to the land he loved.

During his younger years, Randy was active in 4-H, showing cattle and earning numerous awards. This early passion continued throughout his life, leading him into dairy cattle and AI work, including the remarkable achievement of selling a calf for \$65,000.

His love for animals extended beyond cattle. Randy was passionate about horses—racing at the Huron racetrack, participating in Suicide Races, training mustangs, and teaching his nieces and nephews how to ride. He lived life on his own terms, choosing the freedom of a single life and embracing the land, work, and animals he treasured.

Most of all, Randy cherished the close bond he had with his nephew, Josh Fawcett, whom he looked upon as a son. Randy taught Josh everything—from cattle to running the Fawcett Enterprise business. In their final conversation, Randy proudly told him, “There is my #1 Sales Person!” A moment that will forever live in the heart of Josh.

Randy is survived by his siblings: Steve (Brenda) Fawcett, Dawn Rowland, John (Darlene) Fawcett, Della (Gaylon) Anderson, and Scott Fawcett; aunts and uncles, cousins, several nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews; and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Helen Fawcett; and his grandparents, Edwin and Ada Fawcett, and Sanford and Matilda Hines; brother-in-law, Arlen Rowland; niece, Deborah Leonard; great-nephew, Timothy Patterson; and several aunts and uncles.

Randy will be remembered for his independence, his dry humor, his deep knowledge of cattle and horses, and for the lasting impact he made on his family and the place he always called home.

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Community Church of St. Lawrence
St. Lawrence, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Community Church of St. Lawrence
St. Lawrence, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Jason Watson
Pastor Steve Fawcett

CASKETBEARERS (NIECES & NEPHEWS):

Lori Wilson - Sam Fawcett
Heidi Rowland - Jenny Mullinix
Cheryl Moore - Julie Willis
Crystal Reuter - Josh Fawcett
Kimberly Anderson - Levi Fawcett

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Great Nieces & Nephews

READING OF OBITUARY:

Drake Snell

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

“How Great Thou Art”
“The Old Rugged Cross”

PIANIST:

Sherry Van Zee

BURIAL:

G.A.R. Cemetery
Miller, South Dakota

The family warmly invites you to join them for continued fellowship and a lunch at the church following the burial.