



Colby Lee Crago was born January 30, 1980 in Miles City, Montana. He was the son of Linda (Simons) and Bruce Crago. Colby grew up near Belle Fourche, where he graduated from high school with the Class of '99. On September 14, 2002, Colby was united in marriage to Tanya Giannonatti. Together they were blessed with almost 24 years of



than 20 years he owned and operated Crago Outfitting. For over 20 years he was also a volunteer fireman and he served most recently as Assistant Fire Chief for the Butte Volunteer Fire Department. He also volunteered for the Valle Fire Department. Colby excelled at team roping, attending many rodeos and roping events throughout his life. In 2013 he achieved one of his greatest rewards, winning a horse trailer at the Wrangler Team Roping event in Buffalo WY, when he won the Rope-Off competition. Colby also won several ranch rodeos with his teams.

One of the things on Colby's "Bucket List" was shooting a Zebra in Africa, and that happened just a few weeks ago. Colby enjoyed traveling and he and Tanya enjoyed several trips throughout the world, including Africa (last month), Dubai, and Cancun where he loved to sip on pina colodas. Attending the National Finals Rodeo was enjoyed many times as well.

Family was the most important thing to Colby. He loved his girls so much. As they got older, competing in team roping became less important to Colby. He wanted to coach his girls, and take them to area rodeos to compete. He was their number one fan for sure. Nothing could make him more proud than his daughters. Colby was a wonderful husband and father. So many memories were made with him. His smile will never be forgotten, and his loving spirit will be missed forever.

Colby went home to heaven at the age of 46. He is survived by his wife, Tanya; daughters, Chloe (and Katie), Lahey (and Drew), and Brylee. He is also survived by his son, Logan (Tor) Nelson of Canton SD; mother, Linda Johnson of Belle Fourche; father, Bruce Crago of Belle Fourche; grandmother, Margaret Crago of Spearfish; sisters, Stephanie (Robbie) Kazi of Atlanta GA, Sentele (Nathan) Schreier of Belle Fourche; brothers, Barry (Kristen) of Kaycee WY, Justin (Stephanie) of St. Onge; step-mother, Kim Crago of Belle Fourche; mother-in-law, Cora Giannonatti of Ludlow; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Vincent Crago, Frank and Marlene Simons; father-in-law, Joe Giannonatti.

May God Bless the Memory of Colby Lee Crago.

Forever In Our Hearts



Colby Lee Crago

January 30, 1980

August 24, 2026

"We Didn't Know You Were Gonna Leave"

*If I'd have known you were gonna leave
There's so much we would have done
We'd have taken our horses on a long trail ride
We'd have watched the setting sun*

*We'd have worked those cattle one more time
Our horses together, yours and mine
Trailing them home would have gone slow
Knowing it'd be the last time.*

*We could have roped them calves Dad
You'd have pushed them one more time
We could have heard you cheer us on
We would have roped the whole night*

*I'd have told you I love you a million more times
We'd have lived more of our dreams
I'd have gazed at you and that cowboy smile
But I didn't know you were gonna leave*

*Now you are home in heaven with Jesus
You found comfort and that gives us peace
We'll be okay – it'll take a lot of work
We didn't know you were gonna leave*
~Mark Leverington



Celebration of Life Service

10:30 A.M. – Monday – August 31, 2026

Belle Fourche Community Rec Center Auditorium
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Officiant - Pastor Stephen Carson

Music

(Recorded)

Processional - "He's a Cowboy"
"Shallow", "Horses in Heaven"

Recessional – "Amazing Grace" by Pete Buer

Honorary Casketbearers

Richard Aaron	Lance Giannonatti
Ryan Barber	Nathan Hedin
Barry Crago	Robbie Kazi
Justin Crago	Cale Pasley
Butte Fire Department – Vale Fire Department – SD LAST Honor Team	Nathan Schreier

Active Casketbearers

Clay Crago	Brad Neville
Jim Davis	Kyle Persche
Chris Jackson	Clete Schmidt
Devin McGrath	Curt Westland
Trey Nachtigall	Brian Williams

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery - Spearfish, South Dakota

*Following the service, you are all invited to the Branding Iron for
lunch and a time of fellowship.*



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