



Frank L. (Bernie) Tibbs, 76, passed away December 12, 2021. Bernie was born June 1, 1945 in Pierre, SD, to Frank E. and Bethel (Miller) Tibbs. He attended school at Mission Ridge, SD, and Ridgeview, SD.

Bernie was united in marriage to Dorothy Griffith, on September 25, 1963. To this union two sons, Pat and Delbert, were born.

The couple resided at Lantry, SD, until 1964. In 1966 they moved to Ft. Pierre. They moved to Ridgeview, and worked for the Grazing Association until 1968, at which time he went into partnership with his Dad. When his Dad retired, Bernie took over the ranch until his passing.

Bernie was a successful cow man and dedicated his life to it. He spent a lot of time with his cows. Bernie loved Rodeo. Bernie and Shortlog won the SDRA Tie Down Team Roping Championship in 1969. He started teaching Pat and Delbert roping at a young age.

Bernie loved his family, friends, and a good game of poker.

Bernie is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of 58 years; two sons, Pat (Lona) Tibbs, Belle Fourche, SD, and Delbert Tibbs of Prairie City, SD, five grandchildren; Jace (Kori) Tibbs, Weesatche, TX, Ketch (Alicia) Tibbs, Belle Fourche, SD, Shawna Tibbs, Las Vegas, NV, Tasha Tibbs, and Colt Tibbs, Dupree, SD; one brother, Mike Tibbs, Ft. Pierre, SD; one sister, Lila Taton, Newell, SD, numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Three aunts; Patty Peterson, Grace Mulloy and Bonnie Miller. He was preceded in death by his parents, Shortlog and Bethel Tibbs; brother, Patrick; sister Florence Eliason and a niece and nephew.

In Loving Memory of:



Frank "Bernie" Tibbs

June 1, 1945

December 12, 2021



I Know You'll Miss This Man

The Lord spoke to the heavy hearts that stood with hats in hand
"Your sadness pains me deeply and I know you'll miss this man
But, it's true what you've been hearing, Heaven is a real place.

That's no small consolation. You should use that fact to face
The emptiness his parting left that seeps into your bones
And draw on it to ease your pain. For he is not alone.

You see, all his friends are up here and all his loved ones, too,
'Cause it wouldn't be a heaven without each one of you.

And heaven for a cowboy is just what you might expect,
It's horses that need tunin' up and heifers that need checked.

It's long rides with a purpose and a code that lights the way
And a satisfying reason to get up every day.

It's the ranch he's always dreamed of and never knew he'd find
And if you think about it, you can see it in your mind.

Him, leanin' in the saddle with his ol' hat on his head,
Contentment set upon his face like blankets on a bed.

The leather creaks a little as he shifts there in the seat.

The bit chains give a jingle when his pony switches feet.

And you somehow get the feelin' that he's sittin' on a throne
A'gazin' out on paradise just like it was his own.

I can promise you he's happy, though I know you can't pretend
You're glad he made the journey. It's too hard to comprehend.

The earthly way you look at things can never satisfy
Your lack of understanding for the answer to the 'Why?'

So, I offer this small comfort to put your grief to rest,
I only take the top hands 'cause my crew's the very best.

And I know it might seem selfish
But I needed one more cowboy

Black



to friends and next of kin
and Billy fit right in."

~ Baxter

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Frank LaVerne "Bernie" Tibbs

76 Years ~ 6 Months ~ 11 Days

BORN:

June 1, 1945

Pierre, South Dakota

PASSED AWAY:

December 12, 2021

Gettysburg, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICES:

11:00 AM, Saturday, December 18, 2021

Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center

Ft. Pierre, South Dakota

CLERGY:

READERS:

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"He Walks On Water" ~ "Uncloudy Day"

"A Picture Of Me Without You"

CASKETBEARERS:

Jace Tibbs ~ Ketch Tibbs ~ Pat Tibbs

Delbert Tibbs ~ Colt Tibbs ~ Duan Gray ~ Ty Albers

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

All Bernie's Family & Friends

USHERS:

Tuffy Thompson ~ JJ Hunt

INTERMENT:

Scotty Philip Cemetery