

A Cowboy's Prayer



Oh Lord, I've never lived where churches grow.
I love creation better as it stood
That day You finished it so long ago
And looked upon Your work and called it good.
I know that others find You in the light
That's sifted down through tinted window panes,
And yet I seem to feel You near tonight
In this dim, quiet starlight on the plains.

I thank You, Lord, that I am placed so well,
That You have made my freedom so complete;
That I'm no slave of whistle, clock or bell,
Nor weak-eyed prisoner of wall and street.
Just let me live my life as I've begun
And give me work that's open to the sky;
Make me a pardner of the wind and sun,
And I won't ask a life that's soft or high.

Let me be easy on the man that's down;
Let me be square and generous with all.
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town,
But never let 'em say I'm mean or small!
Make me as big and open as the plains,
As honest as the hawse between my knees,
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains,
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze!

Forgive me, Lord, if sometimes I forget.
You know about the reasons that are hid.
You understand the things that gall and fret;
You know me better than my mother did.
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said
And right me, sometimes, when I turn aside,
And guide me on the long, dim, trail ahead
That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.



In Loving

MEMORY

Gailand Nathan Henrichsen was born on August 20, 1947, to Nathan and Viola (Busch) Henrichsen at Peabody Hospital in Webster, South Dakota. He was baptized and confirmed at Butler Lutheran Church in Butler, South Dakota. He attended school at Bristol and graduated from Bristol High School in 1965. After his education he attended State School of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota and graduated in 1967.



He was united in marriage to Deborah Susan Knutson at Lily Lutheran Church in October 1967. The couple made their home in Lemon, South Dakota where Gailand worked on road construction. In the fall of 1967, they moved back to Webster where he worked driving truck. The couple had one son, Cameron. His dream of being a full-time cowboy started in 1978 when the family moved to Kansas as a feedlot cowboy. He also spent some time in Wyoming where he worked as a ranch cowboy. The family moved back to his family farm south of Bristol where they lived for 40 years before moving to Webster in 2016.



Gailand was a lifelong member of the Butler Lutheran Church. He loved attending rodeos, fishing, and hunting, spending time at Enemy Swim Lake, and he enjoyed shooting and working on old guns.

Gailand passed away at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen on February 9, 2022, at the age of 74 years, 5 months, and 20 days, after a long battle with cancer.

He will be deeply missed by his wife, Debbie Henrichsen of Webster, SD, one son, Cameron (Kate) Henrichsen of Worland, WY, sister-in-law Cindy VanMeter of St. Croix Falls, WI, and brother-in-law Randy (Marlene) Knutson of Clark, SD, two step-grandchildren, one niece and three nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Celebrating The Life Of **Gailand Henrichsen**

August 20, 1947 – February 9, 2022



Memorial Service

2:00 P.M. Tuesday February 15, 2022
Butler Lutheran Church
Butler, So. Dak.

Clergy

Dan Overbo

Pianist

Kathryn Bury

Special Songs

Old Rugged Cross

Softly and Tenderly

When I Get Where I'm Going – Brad Paisley

Honorary Urn Bearers

Terry Hawkins – Raleigh Knutson
Ramsey Knutson – Ryan VanMeter

Funeral Arrangements By
Fiksdal Funeral Service
Webster, South Dakota