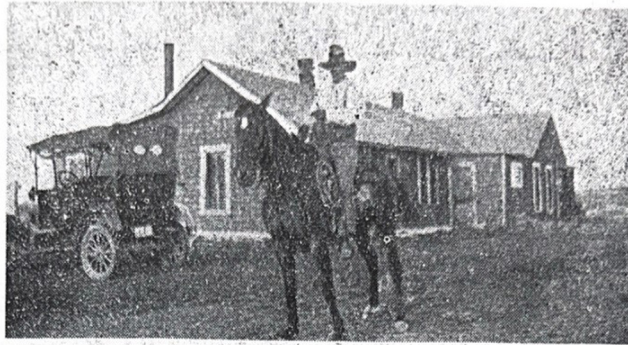


Darrell Eugene Johnson was born to Llewellyn and Theresa Johnson on October 31, 1934. Darrell grew up on the family ranch with his 3 siblings, Llewellyn Jr., DuWayne and Reva. Darrell and Marge Holman were married on November 16, 1955. To this union a son Cody and daughter Connie were born. He fell in love with and married Joan Celander on September 7, 1984. They lived together on the 101 Ranch as he would say "Partners". He accepted her 5 children that came into the marriage with her, as his own. He loved ranching, being a cattleman, and cattle buying. He passed this love onto his entire family. He loved the cowboy way and being on his horses in his younger years was his true pleasure. Later in life he loved his Ranger which he called his "horse". He and Joan would have to leave extra early to arrive at the sale barn to play cards, visit and then into a sale to wave his card, "We came to buy 'em". He especially enjoyed his time loading cattle and visiting. He also loved driving around looking at his cattle and his pastures, and taking family and friends along on these rides. He was quick witted and always had a story to tell. He could always be heard saying "what can I do" or "how can I help". Darrell loved his family and especially his grandchildren. He was a generous man, helping those in need. His greatest gift was to help those who were looking to start their own herd of cattle. He was a man of strong beliefs with not much wiggle room. The 101 Road was and will forever be his home. Everyone could expect to be woken up at 5 am by a phone call from him. These phone calls from Darrell will be greatly missed but everyone can sleep in now. "It is what it is and you can't change it Joanie" Darrell will be greatly missed by his wife Joan of 39 years; children Cody (Brenda) and his children Jasi (Frank) Swyres of Baker, Levi Johnson of Baker, Tim (Ashleigh) Tiedemann, Connie (Mike) Lohof of Baker and three children, Misti (Ryan) Fix of Billings, Shye (Jason) Coulter of Baker and Jade (Jessica) Boggs of Baker, Chuck (Maureen) Celander of Miles City, MT, Marice (Russ) Heerten of Reliance, SD, Stuart (Shirley) Celander of DePere, WI, Kristie (Pat) Rake of Plankinton, SD, Charity (Danny) Feemster, of Catawba, SC.; sister in law, Betty Johnson; grandchildren, Hunter and Ryder Swyres, Kobe and Kyler Fix, Gentre, Camden, Hudson, Ledger, Rayce and Ridge Coulter, Capri, Jameson and Wrigley Boggs, Cassie (Grant) Erickson, Erin (Jake) Cole, Lee (Angel) Heerten-Rodriguez, Jessie (Brett) Heerten-Banakis, Lonnie Celander, Michael Celander, James (Celci) Celander, Adri (Ryan) McCauslin, Justin Rake, Taylor (Alexander) Share, Madi (Reid) Adkins, Jacob Feemster, and many great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Llewellyn and Theresa; brothers Llewellyn and DuWayne (Edith); sister, Reva (Kenneth).

Darrell Johnsons Buy Old 101 Ranch



A contract for deed was filed January 22, 1962 giving possession of the old 101 ranch to Darrell E. and Marjorie R. Johnson. It was purchased from Marion D. Schmoeyer and his wife Ada of Plains, Mont. and Dean Schmoeyer of Bozeman, son of Marion.

This ranch on Little Beaver Creek has been one of the landmarks of eastern Montana since E. A. (Lige) Mulky arrived in 1901 as wagon boss for the 101 outfit, when they trailed cattle up from Alma, Nebr. The ranch headquarters were at Enid, Okla. but at that time they had extensive holdings in Nebraska.

Mulkey, a colorful, flamboyant figure managed the ranch for the Standard Cattle Co. for about ten years until the end of the era of the big cattle outfits. Mulkey was given the ranch buildings and the remnants of the heard. He filed on land on Little Beaver continued ranching with the 101 brand until his death in 1937. He was always generous, and to this day families as far away as Camp Crook tell of surviving a hard winter on 101 beef.

To the homesteaders with small acreage, inexperience in arid farming conditions, the Mulkeys with their large holdings, cars, fine

horses, big house with a piano and Victorian furniture seemed quit out of this world. They always found the Mulkeys hospitable, and neighborly. Their home was often the scene of community picnics.

A few years before Mulkey's death, while he was in Miles City with his wife who was hospitalized; the home and all its contents burned to the ground. Nothing was saved. They took adversity as they had prosperity, moved to the bunk house, while the present home was being built. The original house was built of logs covered with brown shingles.

Mulkey, who was born in Missouri, died at the age of 75, Dallas, Texas where he had gone for cancer treatment. Their only child Violet preceded him in death.

Marion Schmoeyer, who was then married to Mrs. Mulkey's niece Carmelita Dodge, lived at the ranch and managed it for her. Mrs. Mulkey was in Baker at the time of her death. Carmelita and her son Dean were her only living blood relatives. After Mrs. Mulkey's death the ranch was leased to Wayne Cox, then Darrell Johnson. The present owners the Darrell Johnsons have lived on the ranch about four years.



Darrell Johnson

October 31, 1934 - November 18, 2023



Darrell Johnson

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, November 27, 2023 10:00 am
Stevenson Funeral Home
Baker, Montana

PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, November 26, 2023 4:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Baker, Montana

OFFICIATING

Pastor Mike Davis

SPEAKERS

Chuck Celander & Dale Rath

MUSIC

The Kobash's

PALLBEARERS

Russ Herrten	Pat Rake
Frank Swyres	Gentree Coulter
Mike LoHof	Ryan Fix
Eddie Coulter	Justin Melton
Jade Boggs	Tim Tiedemann

INTERMENT

Bonnievale Cemetery
Baker, Montana

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home
Baker, Montana

*Lunch will be served at
Thee Garage following the
graveside service.*

