

## **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 to friends and next of kin  
But I needed one more cowboy and Baxter fit right in."

~ Baxter Black

*Funeral Service*  
Johnson Funeral Chapel  
Sperry, Oklahoma  
Monday, October 3, 2022  
11:00 AM

*Officiating Minister*  
Pastor Rex Woodfork

*Eulogist*  
Paula Tucker

*Music*  
"Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain"  
"Precious Memories"  
"Something You Get Through"

*Military Honors*  
VFW District 5 Honor Guard  
Skiatook, Oklahoma

Tulsa County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

*Casket Bearers*  
Paula Tucker                      Clint Caskey  
Doug Lovett                        Cliff Talley  
Roman Hopkins                    Jason Longmire

*Interment*  
Avant Cemetery  
Avant, Oklahoma

*John Owen Wright*

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*In Our Hearts Forever*



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*Arrangements and services entrusted to*  
*Johnson Funeral Home*  
*Sperry, Oklahoma*

*September 2, 1944 ~ September 27, 2022*