

James Breum was born on December 30, 1937 on the farm near Taylor, North Dakota, the son of Edwin and Elizabeth (Fisher) Breum. He grew on the family farm Northeast of Taylor, where he learned a good work ethic at a young age. James attended school in Taylor where he was active in basketball and played clarinet in band. He graduated from Taylor High School in 1955 and furthered his education at North Dakota Agriculture College (NDSU) where he was part of the wrestling team, a member of the ROTC, and received reserve champion in showmanship at the Little International Livestock Show. Following college he returned home to work on the family farm/ranch. It was during this time he met Delores Westrum, who was working at Western Sporting Goods. The couple was married on April 19, 1968 in Dickinson. Jim and Delores made their home on the Breum homestead, where they raised their two children, David and Robyn. He served over 70 years with the Grandvale 4-H Club in Taylor as a member and a leader. He was also involved with the Taylor Lutheran Church, Taylor Lions Club, a member of the Southwest Grain Board of Directors, Taylor Rod and Gun Club, North Dakota Stockman's Association and NRA lifetime member. In addition to Jim's strong support of the Taylor community, he was a proud Republican and loved his country. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, playing cards, fishing and hunting and took many trips to do so. Jim was an accomplished taxidermist and spent many hours on woodworking projects. His storytelling and quick sense of humor are remembered by many. Jim was very proud to operate a 7 generation family farm that was 142 years old. He was especially proud that his homestead is registered as a North Dakota Centennial Farm. James is survived by his wife, Delores of 56 years; son, David (Charlene) of Goldthwaite, TX; daughter, Robyn (Rory) Rebel of Taylor; grandchildren, Austin (Ann Marie), Amber, Luke, Levi, Ross (Nicole), Ryan (Ashley); great-grandchildren, Eleanor Jean, MaKenna, George, Jack, Brynlee; brother, Robert (Karen) Breum of Havre, MT; sister, Joyce (Jerry) Dixon of Prosser, WA; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Howard (Jean) Breum.



Jim Breum

December 30, 1937 - June 3, 2024



A Cowboy Talks With God

Lord, It's been awhile since I talked with you
In a regular proper prayer.
But I'm thankful Lord, and I'd hoped you knew,
We depend on your love and care.

Times we've stopped, old Buck and me,
On a high and windy hill.
And I saw your Glory, in the skies,
And you spoke, while the night was still,

"What are you doing," You asked me plain,
"Since I made you to be a man?"

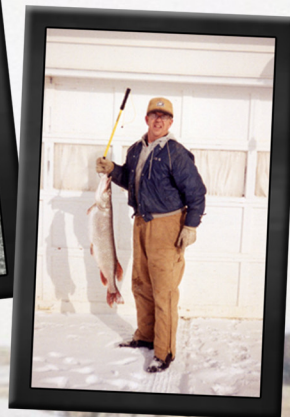
"I'm tending these critters, Lord," I replied,
An' doing the best I can.
Riding the fences, and watching the gates
So none may wander or stray.
Feeding, watering and branding the herd,
Is all a part of my day.

"In early Spring, when it's calvin' time,
There are coyotes, wolves or snow.
I'm out to make sure cow and calf is fine,
And sheltered from cold or foe.
The colder the night, the wilder the storm,
The more I am needed to save them from harm.

"Lord, it's snowin' now, and the word is out;
A blizzard is comin' this way.
I must find them cattle, and turn 'em about.
While yet there is light of the day.
If you wasn't the Lord, that the cold can't hurt.
I wouldn't ask you to be my guide.
You never have failed me yet Lord,
And I'll find 'em, with you by my side.

"The night is colder, the going is rough
The snow keeps fallin' fast.
But we'll round up the herd and head 'em home
To the corral and shelter at last.
And this is my prayer, for us cowhands, Lord,
Watch over us all, I pray,
And head us at last to that home corral
And see that not one goes astray.

"And I ask for the courage and strength, Lord,
To be, something like to your plan,
To walk in a plain humble way Lord,
And be your kind of a man."



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FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 10:00 am
Taylor Lutheran Church
Taylor, North Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE

Monday, June 10, 2024 6:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Chuck Loftis

MUSIC

Deana Paulson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Austin Breum Luke Breum
Levi Breum

PALLBEARERS

Ross Rebel Ryan Rebel
Todd Breum Justin Westrum
Kevin Zillich Harlan Bloom

INTERMENT

Taylor Lutheran Cemetery
Taylor, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at
the Taylor Opera House
following the graveside service.
Everyone is welcome.*