

*“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 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 Bill just fit right in.”*

Funeral Service
Skiatook Church Of Christ
Skiatook, Oklahoma
Monday, September 18, 2023
11:00 AM

Officiating Minister
Reverend Russell Hill

Speakers
Ryan Fairfield
Randy Finfrock

Music
“I’ll Fly Away”
Congregational Hymn
“In Color”
“He Walked On Water”
“A Cowboy’s Prayer, Promised Land”

Casket Bearers
Tom Fees Roger Campbell
Jake Parker Jared Parker
Dustin Maxwell Larry Barnes

Interment
Rest Haven Cemetery
Sperry, Oklahoma

Military Honors
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Honor Guard
Durant, Oklahoma

Military Flyover
Tulsa Warbirds
Tulsa, Oklahoma



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Arrangements and services entrusted to
Johnson Funeral Home
Sperry, Oklahoma

In Loving Memory of

William Norman
“Bill” Parker



November 1, 1924 ~ September 11, 2023