"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 FeesRogerJake ParkerJaredDustin MaxwellLarry

Roger Campbell Jared Parker Larry Barnes Interment Rest Haven Cemetery Sperry, Oklahoma

Mílítary Honors Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Honor Guard Durant, Oklahoma

> *Mílítary Flyover* Tulsa Warbirds Tulsa, Oklahoma



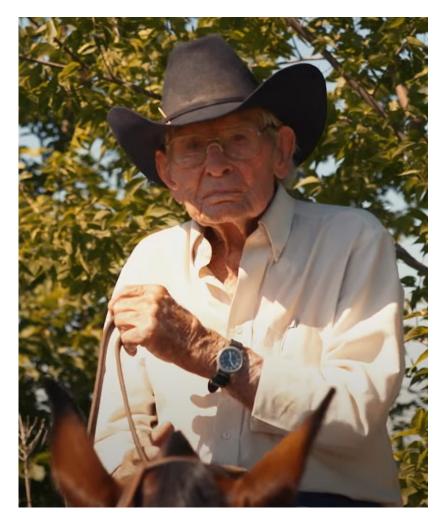
Memorial donations can be mailed to: The Coffee Bunker 6365 E. 41st St. Tulsa, OK 74135 https://coffeebunker.org/tribute-donations

The Guestbook can be viewed and signed by visiting www.johnsonsperry.com

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In Loving Memory of

Wíllíam Norman "Bíll" Parker



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