

Donald Sorensen rode off into his final sunset Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Born in Halliday, on September 18, 1937, he was the second of five children born to Christian (Chris) and Marguerite (Lynch) Sorensen. Don met his forever sweetheart, Jacqueline Schettler in Halliday, and married her June 21, 1954. Over the years the couple welcomed three children Don Jr., Denise, and Doug and were later blessed with six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Don was hard working. He was a ranch hand; worked construction for the family business, Sorensen Brothers; owned the old Texaco Service station in Halliday; drove the Halliday School bus route; and drove semi for companies like Koch, Flat Broke Trucking and Double S Trucking (of which he was part owner). Clif Massett said that Don was the youngest cowboy on the last big cattle drive before they flooded the river. Don always remarked that they ruined the land by the flooding. Don enjoyed NASCAR, hunting; yardwork (including working on lawn mowers); and tinkering on vehicles. He loved all things western from watching movies and television shows to rodeo, roping and breaking horses. He was described as the epitome of John Wayne, often reminding others of the on-screen persona. A man of strong convictions from which he never wavered. A man of honesty, incapable of telling a lie. A force whose presence in a room did not go unnoticed. A good friend and conversationalist. He loved deeply, practically, yet covertly. We thought him indestructible. Don was preceded in death by his parents, Christian and Marguerite Sorensen, In-laws, John and Agatha Schettler; Brother and sister-in-law, Howard (Wayne) and Beth Sorensen; Sister and brother-in-law, Billie (Faye) and Gary Frafford; Sister, Joy Burr; Brother and sister-in-law Delbert and Katherine (Kay) Schettler, Brother and sister-in-law Donald and Kathlene (Kay) Voigt, and grandson Shannon

Dean Wolf. He is survived by his bride of 67 years, Jacqueline (Jacky); Children: Donald Sorensen Jr., Denise (Dennis) Bohrer, and Douglas (Merlein) Sorensen; Grandchildren: Heather (Chris) Gerard, Tally (Cody) Kleemann, Tyrel (Erin) Sorensen, Payden (Cara) Sorensen and John Sorensen; Great-Grandchildren: Seth Wolf; Hatten Kleemann, MaKlain Kleemann, Anistyn Sorensen, Martin Kleemann, Cree Sorensen, Huxley Sorensen, Holte Sorensen, Hayze Sorensen and Remington Sorensen; Brother: Daryl Sorensen; Brother-in-law: Evan Burr; Sisters-in-law: Carole (Louis) Treiber, and Marlene (Roger) Ives; Brother-in-law: Jerry (Anne) Schettler and numerous nieces and nephews.

Donald Sorensen

September 18, 1937 - January 19, 2022

FORGET THE RODEO

HEY THERE BREAKER BREAKER
GOT THE PEDAL TO THE FLOOR?
SET IN GOING HOME GEAR
WEST BOUND ON 94.

YOU'VE BEEN DRIVING THESE RIGS
FOR SO MANY YEARS DON,
HEY, HOW 'BOUT YA SKEETER
YOU GOT YOUR EARS ON?

FROM KOCH TO DOUBLE S
YOU KNOW IT AIN'T A JOKE,
THAT AFTER MILLIONS OF MILES
YOU ENDED UP FLATBROKE!

HORSES, COWS AND SHEEP, OH MY!
COAL AND GRAINS AND OIL TOO
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT
YOUR HAULING DAYS ARE THROUGH.

PULL IN AND SHUT HER DOWN.
GET SOME REST TONIGHT.
'CAUSE THERE'S A HONEY TO DO LIST
WAITING FOR YOU AT FIRST LIGHT!

FORGET THE WESTERN CHANNEL
AND FORGET THE RODEO!
IF JACKIE HAS HER WAY
YOU'LL HAUL HER TO THE CASINO!

-HEATHER L. GERARD 7/13/2011



Donald Sorensen

FUNERAL SERVICE:

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:00 am
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

Monday, January 24, 2022 6:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Chris Gerard

PALLBEARERS:

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| Tyrel Sorensen | Payden Sorensen |
| Cody Kleemann | Chris Gerard |
| Seth Wolf | Scot Sorensen |

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

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| John Sorensen | Dennis Schettler |
| Kenneth Voigt | Wade While |
| Jim Voigt | John Senger |
| Chris Sorensen | Terry Burr |
| Gary Sorensen | Gene Ness |
| Richard Rasch | Clifford Ferebee |
| Joe Senger | Clancie Sorensen |
| | Ernie Riegel |

INTERMENT:

Halliday Cemetery
Halliday, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at Stevenson Funeral Home
following the funeral service.
Everyone is welcome.*

