

Walter Hanratty was born on a sunny Sunday morning, June 16, 1929 Thomas and Mattie (Phillips) Hanratty welcomed their last born, Walter, to join his two brothers and sisters at the family ranch northeast of Baker. Walter started school in Baker and then rode horseback to the O'Donnell School. He finished his education at the "school of hard knocks," as he rather remain on the ranch. Walter met his true love, Jean Stanhope, and they were married on September 25, 1950 in Miles City, MT. They were blessed with five daughters, only two survived. They endured almost 72 years of good and bad times. He welded and rough necked until an accident in 1987 that ended his oilfield work. Jean held down the fort during those times and Walt preferred working on the ranch with the cows, horses and chickens. Walt enjoyed life in many ways. The ranch and all animals gave him joy. In his younger years he and Jean enjoyed square dancing. If able to get away Walt would go fishing. He really enjoyed his fishing trip to Alaska. Traveling to visit family took him and Jean to Minnesota, Wisconsin and Missouri. When he took time off he would go elk hunting and has quite the collection of elk teeth. Walt's faith was very important to him and was a member of the St. John's Catholic Church in Baker. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus for years. Walt was also a proud life time member of O'Fallon Historical Society and at the time of his death, the oldest native Bakerite at St. John's. Walter will be deeply missed by his wife of almost 72 years (and they said it would never last), Jean; daughters, Deanna (Rollie) Topp of Billings, MT, Roberta Hanratty of Baker, MT; granddaughters, Amy Eldridge of TX, Brandy Griffith of WA, Kimberly (Jim) Vollrath of Belt, MT; three great grands to include, Aiden Hanratty of TX, Hadley and Ila Vollrath of Belt, MT; brothers-in-law, Ashley

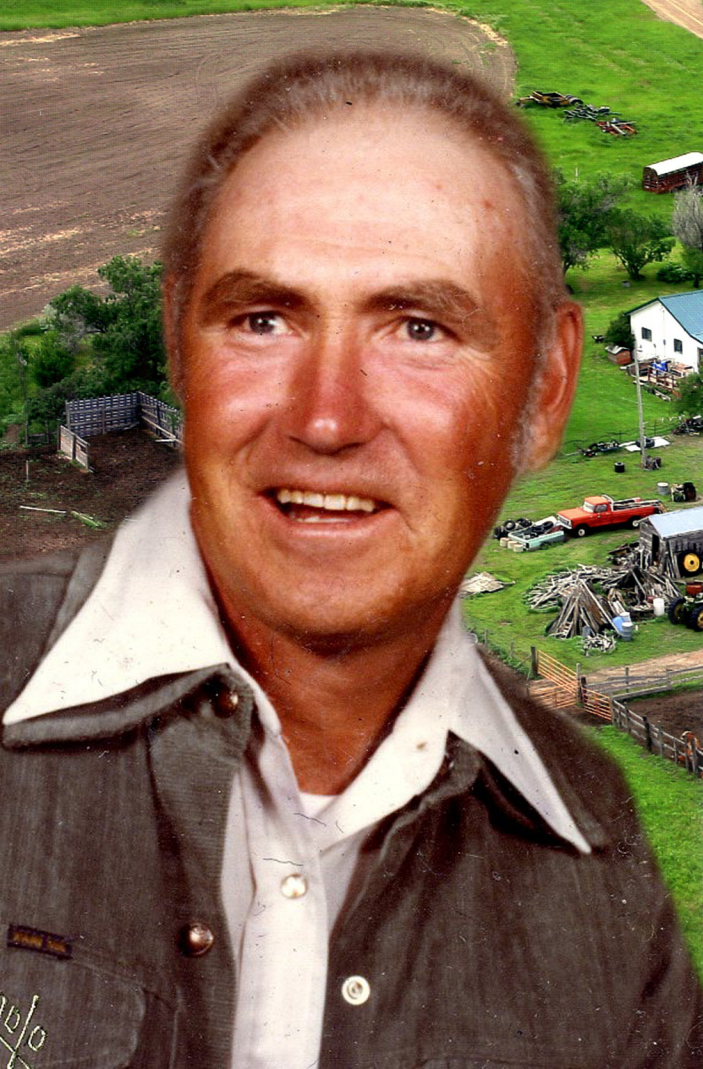
(Elaine) Stanhope, Lane (Robin) Stanhope of Baker, Dale Stanhope, Roger (Judy) Stanhope of CA; sister-in-law J.C. Stanhope Baker, MT; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Mattie Hanratty; brothers, Percy and Phil (Ida) Hanratty; sisters, Alice (Wendell) Holmquist, Catherine (Gene) Wellenstein; three infant daughters, Beverly Jean, Denise Lorene and Theresa Anne; brothers-in-law, Lyle (Myrt) Stanhope, Neal (Mary) Stanhope; sisters-in-law, Nita Stanhope and JoAnn Stanhope.

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June 16, 1929 - September 16, 2022



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FUNERAL MASS:
Friday, September 23, 2022 10:00 am
St. John Catholic Church
Baker, Montana

ROSARY AND VIGIL:
Thursday, September 22, 2022 6:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Baker, Montana

CELEBRATING:
Father Phillip Chinnappan

MUSIC:
Nicole Kirschten
Carol & Steve Zachmann

READER:
Mary Alice Havens

PALLBEARERS:
Mickey Duffield Fred Hoff
Dan Flor Scott O'Donnell
Pat O'Donnell Mike Kirschten

INTERMENT:
St. John Catholic Cemetery
Baker, Montana

ARRANGEMENTS BY:
Stevenson Funeral Home
Baker, Montana

Lunch will be served at the church
following the graveside service.
Everyone is welcome.

*For God so loved the world that
he gave his one and only Son, that
whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

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