

## Anthony "Tony" Obrigewitch

was born on his father's birthday, a New Year's baby in Dickinson, January 1, 1950, the son of Anton "Tony" and Bertha (Schaeffer) Obrigewitch. Tony grew up on the family farm with eight brothers and four sisters north of Belfield. In his early years, he attended country school and later graduated from Belfield High School in 1967. He continued his education at Dickinson State College. Tony worked as a ranch hand and did logging in South Dakota and Montana. He later made the move back to North Dakota and started ranching. Tony lived a cowboy's life. He rode saddle broncs for many years and thoroughly enjoyed rodeoing, ranching and living in the country. He ranched with his brothers, Tim and Terry on the Flying Y Ranch and later ranched with his brother, Bud. Tony was a great cattleman and was well known for his Hereford and Angus livestock in the region. He was an exceptional cattleman, always very particular and a to the point operator. He left no gate unchecked! Tony was never afraid to step on a humpy horse and was always at the right spot when moving cattle. Rodeo was the life he enjoyed, whether competing, attending or watching it on TV. Tony's cattleman expertise and personality will be missed by many in this area. Tony is survived by his brothers, Maurice (Bernie) of Belfield, Bertram "Bud" of Belfield, Val (Carol) of Sentinel Butte, Tim and Terry of Meadow, SD; sisters, Charlotte Hlebechuk of Belfield, Rose Mary of Seattle, WA, Juanita "Nita" (Curt) Talkington of Belfield; sister-in-law, Ruth Obrigewitch; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Anton "Tony" and Bertha Obrigewitch; brothers, Cliff (Gerty) Obrigewitch, Gerald "Gary" (Karen) Obrigewitch, Claude Obrigewitch,; sister, Gloria (Jerry) Weber; sister-in-law, Cecilia Obrigewitch; brother-in-law, Albert Hlebechuk.



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January 1, 1950 - November 4, 2023



## OLD COWBOY'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, I 'spect it's near'n time  
That this here trail ends.  
And it's movin' on to higher ground  
to Meet some good ole friends.  
I've been a Cowboy all my life.  
The years? I've lost the tally.  
My knees gone stiff, my ole back sore,  
I miss near all my dallies.  
You Knowed me Lord, in younger day's  
The laughin' campfire wit;  
There weren't no steer I couldn't rope,  
No horse I couldn't sit.  
The Cowboy life's been good to me,  
Though wrecks I've had my share.  
I've broke some bones and lost some hide,  
And laid my knuckles bare.  
I'm kinda spooked to's how you feel  
'Bout missin' Church and such.  
A cow don't know it's Sunday, Lord ,  
And'l try you just as much.  
I'm not to fancy bout my prayers  
Though I never miss a day,  
To thank you for the troubles, Lord,  
I've missed along the way.  
I try to ponder what it's like;  
The crossin', if it's rough;  
Not knowin' what the trail's like'  
Just makes it kinda tuff.  
I'm sorta hopin' for a place,  
Where grass grows stirrup high.  
A mountain meadow green and wide,  
Beneath a summer sky.  
It's probably wrong to wish so much,  
But, Lord I pray to Thee,  
That when I'm with You by n' by  
A COWBOY LET ME BE!  
Written by Dick Powell

## Tony Obrigewitch

### FUNERAL MASS:

Friday, November 10, 2023 10:00 am  
St. Bernard's Catholic Church  
Belfield, North Dakota

### ROSARY & VIGIL:

Thursday, November 9, 2023 6:00 pm  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota  
Father Logan Obrigewitch

### CON-CELEBRATING:

Father Shane Campbell  
Father Logan Obrigewitch

### MUSIC:

Robbie Obach  
Chuck Steffan

### READERS:

Lauri Kupitz & Greg Obrigewitch

### GIFT BEARERS:

Juanita Talkington & Rose Obrigewitch

### PALLBEARERS:

Jay Obrigewitch	Shane Talkington
Tim Hlebechuk	Tom Hlebechuk
Duane Obrigewitch	Day Obrigewitch
Shy Obrigewitch	Mike Obrigewitch
Allen Obrigewitch	Wes Obrigewitch

### INTERMENT:

St. Bernard's Cemetery  
Belfield, North Dakota

### ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

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