

Our gracious and heavenly Father, we pause at this time mindful of the many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We ask, Lord, that you will be with us in the arena of life.

As cowboys, Lord, we don't ask for colts that don't rear or buck, short easy days in the saddle, or a dog that will never startle your horse. We know we are blessed with Your beautiful creations to enjoy with our friends and family.

We do ask, Lord, that you will help us live our lives here on earth as cowboys, in such a manner, that when we make that last inevitable ride, to the country up there, where the grass grows lush, green and stirrup high, and the water runs cool, clear and deep, that you'll take us by the hand and say:
"Welcome to Heaven cowboy,
your entry fees are paid in full."





James Burch, 62, Mandan, was called home to Heaven on September 16, 2021, at his childhood home following a battle with cancer.

Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through His servant James Burch.

Jim was born in Mandan on February 10, 1959, to Harold and Marilyn (Bahm) Burch. He was united in holy marriage to Holly Helgerson on May 16, 1987, and they were blessed with 34 years of married life together. God also blessed them with the gift of children, LaNora and Orrin.

After high school, James joined the Navy and toured the world enjoying his time in the service. He was a talented mechanic and excelled at equipment repair from early 1900's vintage through the computer age. He was ASE Master Certified and Ford Diesel Certified mechanic and worked as a machinist at Bobcat for many years. He also had a gift for training and working with animals, particularly horses. Over the years his horses could bow, lay down, load into a pickup truck box, work without a bridle, lope in place, and work on voice and silent cues. He spent many hours in the saddle "chasin' cows" at the neighbors, after a few years in the cutting horse pen. He enjoyed many years with his children, teaching them how to hunt, fish, and ride and train horses (and couple of mules).

He is survived by his wife, Holly; children, LaNora and Orrin; father, Harold Burch, Mandan; brothers, Allen (Lynette) Burch, Sioux Falls, SD and Darold (Lisa) Burch, Bismarck; sisters, Sherry (Rodney) Stork, Arlington, NE and Karen Burch, Mandan.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn Burch and father and mother-in-law, Lowell and Colleen Helgerson.

The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for our brother, James.

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Jim.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JAMES BURCH

Prayer Service

Tuesday, September 21, 2021; 7:00 PM

Funeral Service

Wednesday, September 22, 2021; 11:00 AM

Messiah Lutheran Church
1020 Boundary Street NW
Mandan, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Kevin Zellers

Organist

Renae Hoggarth

Honorary Pallbearers

Marv Kary & Eugene Henriques

Casketbearers

Rocky Schlosser, Odin Helgerson, Wayne Oakland
Robert Oakland, Rodney Stork, & Dean Stack

Committal will be at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery at 2 PM.

The family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the church immediately following the service.

