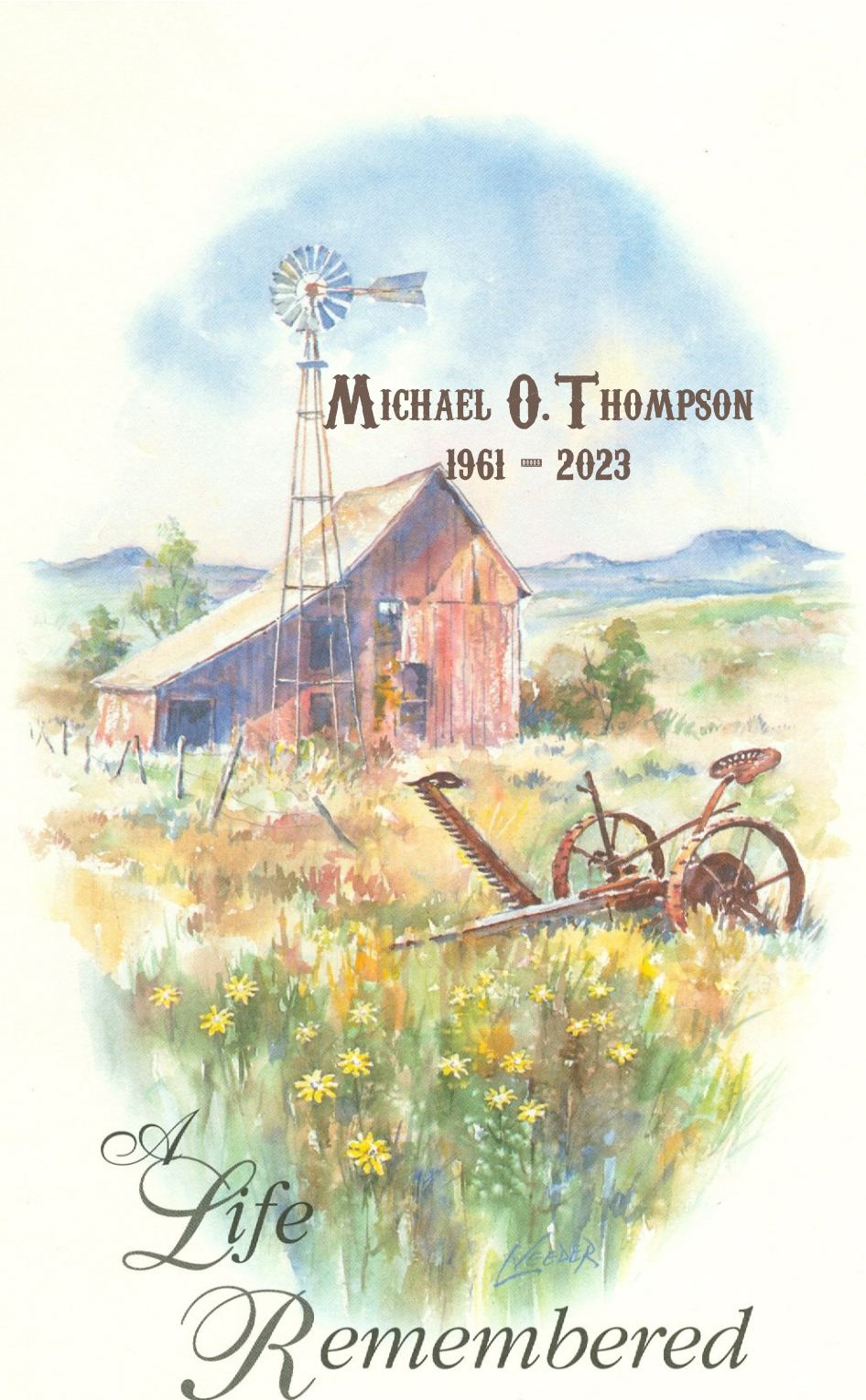
 **MICHAEL ORRIN THOMPSON**, a beloved member of the community, passed away on December 24, 2023. He was born on October 20, 1961, in Breckenridge, MN, to Orrin and Marilyn (Helgeson) Thompson. Michael grew up in McLeod, ND, where he attended his first three years of school before continuing his education in Wyndmere, ND. Throughout his life, Michael remained deeply connected to his rural roots and found great joy in working the land and tending to his animals.

One of Michael's defining qualities was his genuine concern for others. Even after he became bedridden, he made countless phone calls to check on the well-being of those around him. He eagerly welcomed anyone who would stop by for a visit over a cup of coffee. Having a great sense of humor, he could come up with a "one-liner" for any situation. Michael loved his grandchildren dearly. His presence in the community will be sorely missed as he leaves behind a legacy defined by compassion and goodwill.

Mike's passion for animals extended beyond farming. He had a deep love for horses. In addition, hunting and fishing were among his favorite pastimes. Michael spent countless hours hunting coyotes with the Greyhound dogs he raised. Additionally, he skillfully played league pool and was an avid team roper.

Michael is survived by his daughters, Carissa and Mariah Thompson; grandchildren, Jimena, Hayden, and Iyla; and a sister, Kimberly Thompson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orrin and Marilyn; grandparents, Oscar and Alma Thompson, and Martin and Nellie Helegson.





A Cowboy's Prayer

Our 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.

We as cowboys do not ask for special favors.

We don't ask to draw around the chute fighting horse,
the steer that won't lay, or to never break the barrier.

We don't even ask for all daylight runs.

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 LOVING MEMORY OF MICHAEL ORRIN THOMPSON



BORN

October 20, 1961 | Breckenridge, Minnesota

PASSED AWAY

December 24, 2023 | Wyndmere, North Dakota

AGE

62 Years | 2 Months | 4 Days

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM | Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Bethany Lutheran Church | McLeod, North Dakota

OFFICIANT

Joel Wiltse

MUSIC

"In The Garden"
"Scars In Heaven"
"Jealous Of The Angels"
"M.C. Horses"

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

The late Doug Utke
and all the living and departed that called Mike friend

PALLBEARERS

Josh Novotny | Jason Berg | Eric Langseth | Bob Priewe
Les Thompson | Lee Sagvold | Darin Sagvold | Cole Duncan

INTERMENT

Freeman Cemetery | Rural McLeod, North Dakota