

Eldon D Pugh was born on October 29, 1925 at his home in Northbranch, Kansas to Ida and (Robert) Harold Pugh.

He died on October 6th, 2019 at Salina Regional Healthcare Center after falling and breaking his hip.

Eldon was best known for his roping skills and working with cattle all his life, as a rancher, roper and cowboy. In his early years he was a mail carrier from city to city, then worked as a sale barn manager, cattle order buyer, and then in a feedlot until he retired. Eldon loved horses, and eventually the sport called Team Roping where he won numerous saddles, buckles and other prizes.

He taught his children about horses, and they all grew up with the love of going to horseshows, and eventually rodeos or team roping events or barrel racing events.

He furnished his children with a lot of good horses that he had trained. He also trained race horses, and ran them at multiple racetracks that included the Concordia track and Thundercloud Park race track outside of Concordia. He also had a team of bull dogging and hazing horses, "Kim and Joe," and they also served well as barrel racing horses for his daughters, Carolyn and Lynda. He lived to see his extended family being raised in the horse industry, and his only son that married a barrel racer Kathy Craig. His daughters married, and their husbands also became team ropers. His many grandchildren also loved the horses, the fun they offered, and he was so proud of all they accomplished.

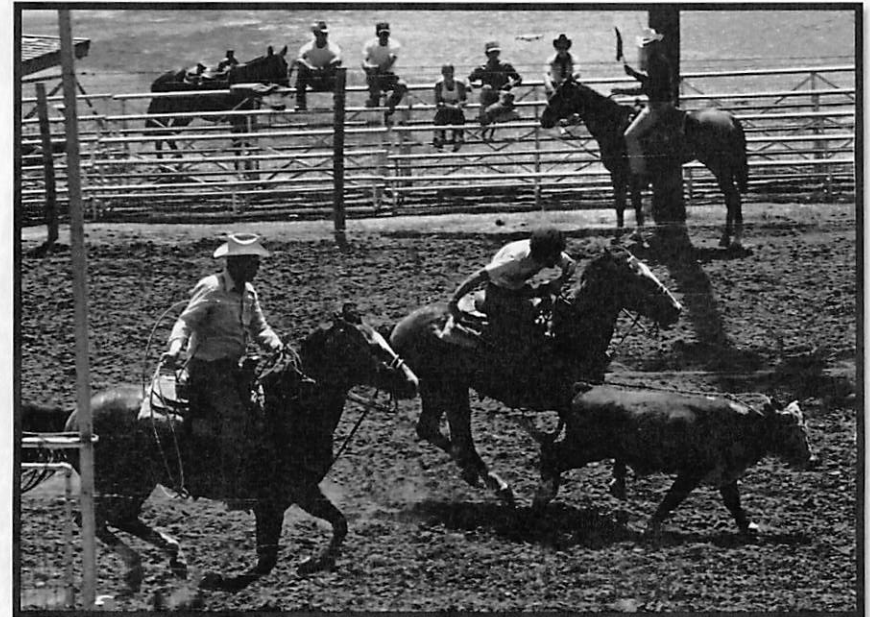
Eldon was a member of the Northbranch Friends Quaker church, Northbranch, Kansas. He graduated from the Northbranch Academy in 1943. Eldon married Carol Gleason on September 17th, 1946.

Eldon is preceded in death by his parents Ida (Mills) and Harold Pugh, brother Norman who died at the age of two from chickenpox pneumonia. His wife Carol (Gleason), daughter Lynda LaClef, son Bob and Great-Granddaughter Shaylynn Lee Morey (Julie).

Eldon is survived by oldest daughter Carolyn Frankamp, Baby of the family Stevie (Ron) Swiercinsky, Son-in-law Terrill LaClef (Lynda) and Daughter-in-law Kathy (Bob) Pugh. Grandchildren, John (Kelley) Ostrom, Scott (Shelby) LaClef, Christie (Jeff) LaClef Wieckhorst, Julie Ostrom Asch, Kasey (Richard) Hanel Pugh Frost, Kelly (Matt) Hanel Pugh McCauley, Jeff LaClef, Ashley (Aaron) Swiercinsky Strait and Bailey (Daniel) Swiercinsky Garlow. 25 Great Grandchildren and 9 Great -Great Grandchildren.

"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard".

Eldon D. Pugh



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1925–2019

"What Makes a Dad"

God took the strength of a mountain

The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer's sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arms of night,

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of an eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of the mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family's need.

Then God combined these qualities

And when there was nothing more to add,

He knew his masterpiece was complete,

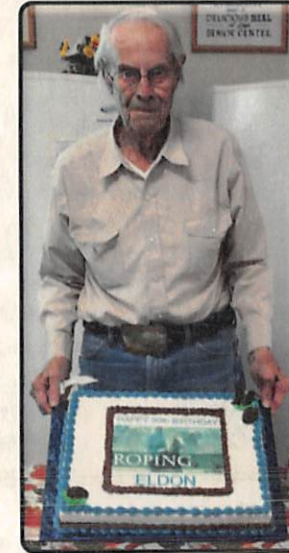
And so He called it "Dad."

- Author Unknown

Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home
Belleville, Kansas

In Memory Of

Eldon Dwayne Pugh



Entered this Life
October 29, 1925

Departed this Life
October 6, 2019

Graveside Memorial Service

Saturday, October 19, 2019 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Northbranch Friends Church Cemetery ~ rural Burr Oak, Kansas

Officiant

Mr. Randy Paugh

Special Musical Selection

"A Cowboy's Prayer" as recorded by Casey Donahew

Honorary Pallbearers who carried him to heaven

Carol Pugh

Bob Pugh

Lynda LaClef

Shaylynn Lee Morey

"GONE ROPING"