

Darrel Parkhurst

Darrel Parkhurst, 87, died August 10, 2016, at his home in Valentine, Nebraska.

He was born January 14, 1929, in Mason City, Nebraska, to LeRoy and Susan Parkhurst. His parents lived in Berwyne, Nebraska, at the time. He was a rancher and she was a housewife.

Darrel, with his family moved often, living in many small towns in Nebraska. Darrel worked constantly on ranches from his youth well into his adulthood.

Darrel met and married Colleen Lorraine Knudsen in Gordon, Nebraska, in 1950. This union produced five children; Gene, Patricia, Ken, Sharon and Tena. They lived in Gordon, Nebraska, for four years before moving to Valentine, Nebraska, in 1954, where they lived raising their family until Colleen's passing in 1985.

Darrel married Carol Joyce Whipple in 1986, joining two families. Carol had four children from a previous marriage; Shelly, Keith, Bill and Duke. Darrel and Carol lived in Kilgore, Eli, Nenzel and Valentine during their 30 years of marriage.

His interests included family, playing cards, hunting coyotes and visiting. He devoted much of his time and energy as a caregiver to family members.

Darrel is survived by his second wife, Carol; brother, Don; sister Delores, two sons and their spouses, Gene and JoAnn Parkhurst, Ken and Christina Parkhurst; two daughters and their spouses, Tena and Wendell Wolff, Sharon and Rod Herrmann; two step-sons and spouse, Keith Waln, Duke Waln, Bill and Michelle Waln, and one step-daughter, Shelly Waln; and fifteen grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Darrel was preceded in death by his parents, Leroy and Susan; first wife, Colleen; one child Patricia; one brother, Walt; and one sister, Darlene.



In Loving Memory Of

Darrel

In Celebration Of Life

Darrel B. Parkhurst

January 14, 1929 ~ August 10, 2016

Funeral Ceremony

Monday - August 15, 2016 @ 10:30 am
United Methodist Church in Valentine, NE

Officiant

Rev. Bill Waln

Host Pastor Will Deeds

Musician

Anne Clark

Pallbearers

Ken 'Son' Parkhurst	Jady Parkhurst
Riley Parkhurst	Dustin Parkhurst
Joshua Parkhurst	Micah Herrmann
Jared Wolff	Brandon Wolff
Cody Waln ~ Ty Waln ~	Eddie Joe Waln

Interment

Kilgore Cemetery
Kilgore, Nebraska

A Cowboy's Prayer

O Lord, I've never lived where churches grow;
I've loved creation better as it stood
That day you finished it long ago,
And looked upon your work and called it good
Just let me live my life as I've begun!
And give me work that's open to the sky;
Make me a partner of the wind and sun,
And I won't ask a life that's soft and high.
Let me be easy on the man that's down;
Let me be square and generous with all.
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town,
But never let 'em say I'm mean or small.
Make me as big and open as the plains;
As honest as the horse between my knees;
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains;
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze.
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said;
Just right me sometime when I turn aside;
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead—
That stretches upward towards the Great divide.

Arrangements By
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