

Carl Frauen, 41, died January 14, 2017.

Carl Allen Frauen was born March 27, 1975, in Valentine, Nebraska to Monte Allen and Cathy J. Frauen. Carl went to elementary schools at Sparks and Norden. He attended Keya Paha County High School, in Springview. Carl played football, calf roped, team roped and steer wrestled.

Carl's rodeo career started in high school. In 1990, he and team roping partner, Marty Jespersen were Reserve State Champions. In 1992, Carl and team roping partner Jeff Johnston, won the Nebraska High Rodeo State Championship. They went on to Shawnee, Oklahoma where they were Runners-Up for the National High School Rodeo Association Team Roping Championship. In 1993, Carl also qualified for the National High School Rodeo Finals in calf roping, in Gillette, Wyoming.

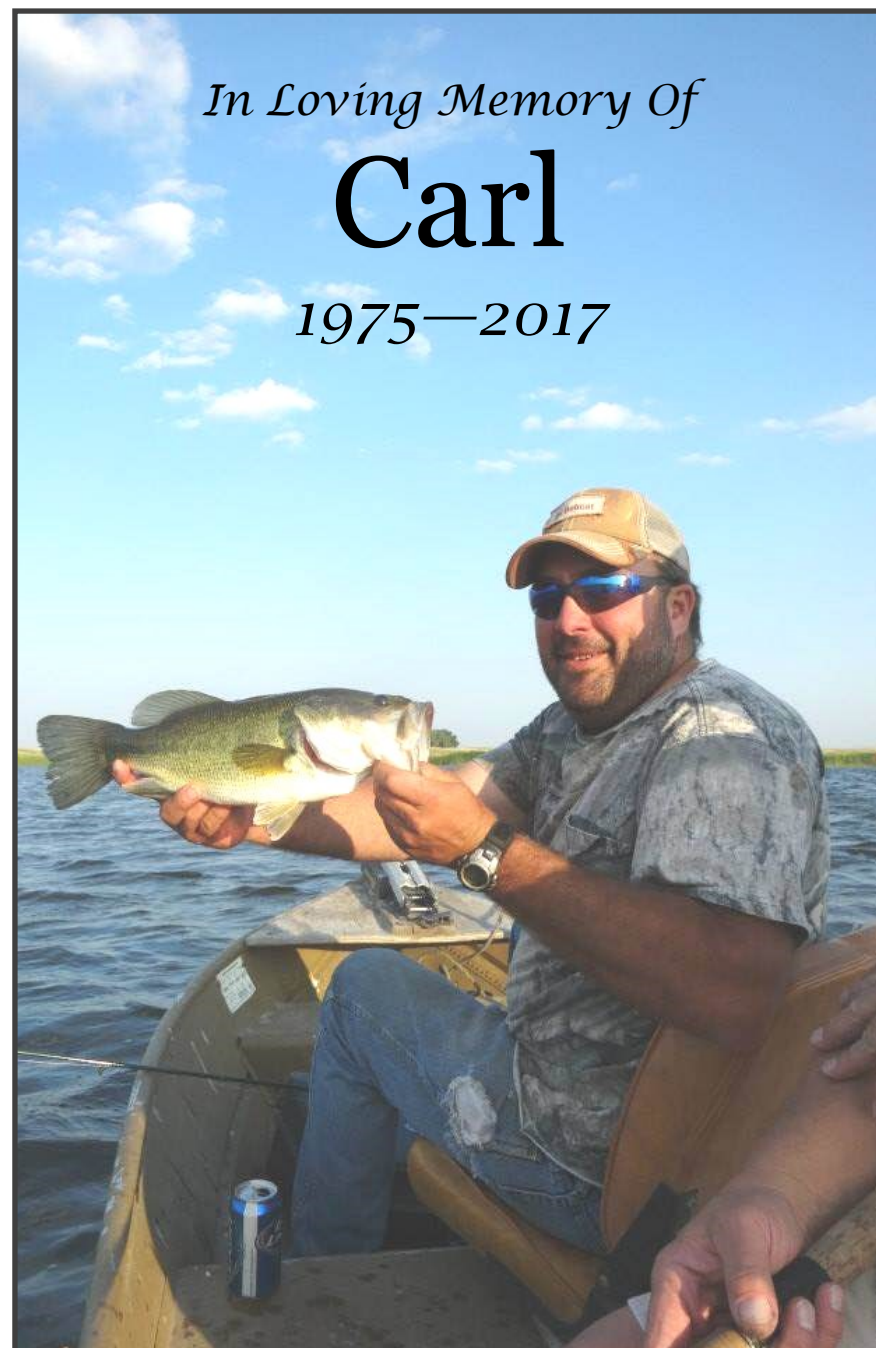
After graduation, Carl joined the Mid-States and Nebraska State Rodeo Associations, where he competed in Steer Wrestling and Team Roping. He was a PRCA card holder for several years. He was the Mid-States Champion Steer Wrestler in 1996. In 1999, he was the NSRA Runner-up Champion Steer Wrestler. He won every go-round at the state finals that year.

Carl worked alongside his Dad, Monte and Grandpa, Otto on the Frauen Ranch. He was extremely proud to be able to purchase his own ranch, in 2013. He, Melissa and the kids worked hard to make improvements on the house, buildings and land. When he wasn't ranching, Carl spent the majority of his time, hunting, fishing and trapping, with his favorite dogs, Taz and Pike. He enjoyed any opportunity to spend time with his closest friends. His friends and family meant everything to him.

He is survived by his parents, Monte and Cathy Frauen; his sister, Robyn and her children, Pake, Parker and Pryce Johnston; girlfriend, Melissa Stephens, and her children Owen, Dakota and Laken; Grandpa, Otto Frauen; Grandmother, Doris Graham; Aunt Sally and Keith Conner; Aunt Patty and Neri Barstow; Aunt Carolyn and Terry Belville; Uncle Gary and Sherrie Graham; Uncle Doug and Twyla Graham.

Cousins: Josh and Brecken Buysse, Joel and Carrie Buysse, Alan Conner, Quin Conner, Wyatt, Amanda and Wylie Barstow, Austin and Sierra Barstow, Pam, Jeff, Brent, Jessica and Tucker Hicks, JW, Sarah, Kenneth and Brycen Graham, Wendy Graham, Jeni, Jon and Riley Cox, Zeb, Lanell, Dalton, and Kwynn Graham, Angelina, Greg and Harper Wright.

Carl was preceded in death by his Grandma Ruth Frauen, Grandpa Howard Graham, Aunt Audrey Buysse, cousin Sheena Barstow and several close friends.



Our hearts are very heavy today, Please Lord, let this trapper find his way.
Show him the trails and the backroads that he needs to get to you.
He was really good down here, but up there, the territory will be all new.
It won't take him long to get settled, but he'll need a few things to help him feel safe
A good dog, a rope, a horse, a gun and lots of open space.
He can't be confined in house very long,
He'll get restless and need to roam, and be able to sing his own song.
We know he's got good company now, and many loved ones and friends to entertain,
We sure weren't ready to give him up to you Lord, our loss is certainly heaven's gain.
In the summer, he'll be itching to do some fishing, show him where the Bass are thick.
Looking after him is going to be a full time job we know,
he'll be ready to hunt coon, trap coyotes, bobcat, beaver and mink when the wind starts to blow.
He was a good man, loved by many far and wide.
Will you make sure he knows how much he's loved, when he gets to the other side?
If it's ok, we'd still like him to check in on us once in awhile, make us laugh, point our eyes in the right direction so we can remember his laugh and his smile.
One-of-Kind, Unique, and Free, he's doing what he most loves and being exactly who he was meant to be.
We're going to miss those BIG BEAR HUGS, the warm embrace, the humor, the sarcasm and the dimples on his face.
Give him our best, Lord, he'll be with you now, to stay.
We'll keep his memory alive, night and day.
We're going to look for him in the sunsets, near the rivers and ponds, in roping arenas, old barns, canyons, meadows, and on calving nights, when the air is crisp and cold and the full moon is shining bright.
Thank you for our time with him, we feel the minutes were far too few,
They won't make any more like him, this we know is true.
Carl, go set some traps, rope, hunt, and fish those ponds,
you won't have to worry about being over limit or not having a permit,
crack a beer, relax and just have a sit.
Stay strong Big Guy, you are loved by many here,
In our hearts, you will always be near.

Arrangements By
Holmes Funeral Home ~ Valentine, NE
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In Celebration Of The Life Of Carl Allen Frauen

Funeral Service

Thursday - January 19, 2017 @ 2:00 pm
United Methodist Church in Valentine Nebraska
Host Pastor Will Deeds

Officiant

Pastor Scott McClellen
Valentine Berean Bible Church

Music

In the Garden *by Alan Jackson*
In Color *by Jamey Johnson*
I Did It My Way *by Elvis*
Cryin' for Me *by Toby Keith*

Pallbearers

Josh Buysse ~ Joel Buysse
Brandon "Gilly" Gehlsen ~ Zeb Graham
Matt Elliott ~ Bill Frew
Joe O'Kief ~ Denny Bammerlin ~ Jeff Micheel

Honorary Bearers

Niece & Nephews ~ Aunts, Uncles & Cousins
All Rodeo Friends, Trapping, Hunting & Fishing Buddies

Interment

Escort by the Springview Volunteer Fire Department
Mount Hope Cemetery
Valentine, Nebraska

Following the committal, all are invited to join the family for a time of fellowship at the Cherry County Fairgrounds