Robert “Bob” Dale Steinmetz

Robert “Bob” Dale Steinmetz was born in Sheridan, Wyoming to Jake and Mary (Taylor) Steinmetz on September 10, 1929. He grew up there and attended school to the 5th grade until he went to work for area ranches. He joined the Army and served from 1950 to 1953. He then joined the Navy and served until the end of his military career in 1960. He married Janice Jay Tanner in Billings, Montana on January 5, 1964. Bob obtained his GED in 1979, and finished his law enforcement education in 1980. He went on to serve as a police officer for five years at the rank of sergeant. He continued to work for ranches and eventually obtained the title of Ranch Manager. He was also a very skilled builder and carpenter, and worked in logging for a short time.

Bob liked to play all sorts of instruments, especially the accordion and steel guitar, and could do it all by ear. He also liked to sing, hunt, fish, cut firewood, tell stories, watch western movies, work, and was very artistic in many areas such as leather tooling and ceramic. He was a very friendly man with a very active personality. Bob was a good family man, taking time to enjoy everything there was to enjoy with his grandchildren. He also had a love for animals, especially dogs, and thoroughly enjoyed the occasional strawberry milkshake. He will also be remembered as a man that taught others well, including teaching irrigation to some members of the family.

Robert “Bob” Steinmetz, 84, Hot Springs, died Monday, August 18, 2014, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

He is survived by his two sons, Luke (Nina) Steinmetz, and Lucky Steinmetz; sister, Katherine (Duane) Odegard; his loyal dog, Lucy; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob is preceded by his parents; his wife; brothers, Jake and Jerry; sister, Pat; and an infant daughter, Robin.

A memorial has been established to the Rambouillet Sheep Futurity Show.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the VFW following the committal service.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of

Robert “Bob” Dale Steinmetz

1929 ~ 2014
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, so 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.

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.

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Born
September 10, 1929
Sheridan, Wyoming

Died
August 18, 2014
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service
Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy
Chaplain Herbert Cleveland

Special Musical Selections
“Rock Of Ages” “Why Me, Lord”
“Amazing Grace”

Pallbearers
Randy Clabaugh ~ Mike Odegard ~ Burt Clabaugh
Clayton Steinmetz ~ Colter Steinmetz

Honorary Pallbearers
Justin Steinmetz ~ Jason Steinmetz

Interment
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota