



The Cowboy's Prayer by Clem McSpadden
Our gracious and heavenly Father, we pause in the midst of this festive occasion, mindful of the many blessings you have bestowed upon us. As cowboys, Lord, we don't ask for any special favors. We ask only that you will let us compete in this arena as in the arena of life.

We don't ask that we never break a barrier, draw around a chute-fighting horse, or draw a steer that just won't lay. We don't even ask for all daylight runs. We only ask that you help us to compete in life as honest as the horses we ride and in a manner as clean and pure as the wind that blows across this great land of ours.

Help us, Lord, to live our lives 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, as our last Judge, will tell us that our entry fees are paid.

Amen.



Howard Stanley Hoff

BORN

December 3, 1942
Fargo, North Dakota

DIED

November 3, 2020
Fargo, North Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lisbon, North Dakota
Friday, November 6, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.

CLERGY

Pastor Norm Anderson

MUSIC

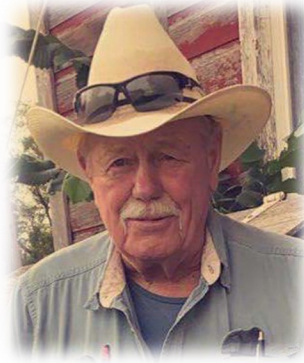
Something You Got Through
Drowning
He Walked On Water
If Heaven Wasn't So Far Away

PALLBEARERS

John Johnson
Lee Falk
Jerry Haecherl
J. R. Rufsvold
Curt Rieger
Don Forsberg

INTERMENT

Oakwood Cemetery
Lisbon, North Dakota



Howard Stanley Hoff, 77, of Lisbon, ND passed away Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at Essentia Health in Fargo, ND. Howard was born in Fargo, ND on December 3, 1942 to Phillip and Ingrid (Christianson) Hoff.

Howard was raised and educated in Lisbon, and joined the North Dakota National Guard after graduating from High School in 1960. He began his career as a driver, hauling fuel oil for Cenex/Farmers union Oil. He owned Hoff Tree Services, working during the spring and fall seasons, and was a partner in Fort Ransom Ski Area and Fort Corral.

Howard rode saddle bronc and was very active with the Fort Ransom Arena Association. In the sixties, Howard started with the Custer Memorial 7th Calvary Reenactment, which eventually led to his acting career. In the nineties, he appeared in *Far and Away*, *Geronimo*, *Return to Lonesome Dove*, *Postman*, *Crazy Horse*, *Buffalo Girls* and *Lakota Woman*.

Howard married Wilma Schuessler on November 22, 1975 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisbon and they had four children; Nikki (Aaron) Hardebeck, Heather (Mike) Thompson, Tyler (Stephanie) Hoff and Ryan Hoff all of Lisbon, ND. They later divorced.

Howard is survived by all of his children, his sister Marilyn Sorby of Fort Ransom, ND, his grandchildren Savanna (Joel) Traub, Emily Hardebeck, Nolan Hardebeck, Andrew Hardebeck, Taylor Rosborough, Jaden Hoff, Keziah Hoff, Alyssa Hoff, Tyrig Atchison, Deagan Thompson, Isaac Hoff, Izabella Hoff, Haydyn Hoff, Briar Hoff, honorary grandchildren Destiny Rosborough, Lidia McCleary and Evelyn McCleary, and two nieces Angie Stetson and Julie (Matt) Engen. Howard was a gentle soul who was a beloved grandfather and honorary grandfather to many.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law Curtis Sorby.

Armstrong Funeral Home

