

A Cowboy's Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, we pause at this time,
mindful of the many blessings you have
bestowed upon us. We ask, Lord,
that you will be with us in the arena of life.

We as cowboys do not ask for special favors.
We don't ask to draw around the chute
fighting horse, the steer that won't lay,
or to never break the barrier.

We don't even ask for all daylight runs.
We do ask Lord, that you will help us live our lives here on
earth as cowboys, 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'll take us by the hand and say:

"Welcome to Heaven cowboy,
your entry fees are paid."



In Loving Memory of

Clayton "Charlie" Cornelius

June 13, 1936-April 28, 2023

Clayton "Charlie" Cornelius, age 86, Raymond, died Friday, April 28, 2023.

Clayton Charles Cornelius was born June 13, 1936 to parents Otto Reinhart and Emma (Weidemann) Cornelius at the Mable Stacey home in Clark, SD. He grew up on the family farm alongside a brother and three sisters. He attended Logan School all twelve years graduating from Logan High School in 1954. "Charlie," as he became known, was too old for the draft after graduating so he remained on the farm to farm with his parents.

While reffing a girls basketball game in Logan, he called the fifth foul on a cute young gal causing her to foul out of the game. That gal was Carla Cooper who later became his wife on July 7, 1963 at the Raymond Presbyterian Church. They started their married lives in Logan Township and then in 1968, moved to their current farm site where his parents had lived. They welcomed two children to their family, Gregory and Cheryl and in 1980, they built a new house at the residence.

Charlie was a member of the Logan Township Board, a former member of the local softball association and Clark Saddle and Bridle Club, and a member of the Clark County Pro Pheasants. In his younger years, he played baseball and then later played and umpired softball. Charlie was an avid bowler, rarely missing a night of bowling. He loved hunting pheasants and deer, going 25 straight years to the Black Hills West River deer hunting. The family was very active in horse shows, rodeos, and trail rides. He farmed and raised cattle and registered quarter horses. Charlie loved spending time with family, was very proud of his grandchildren-their accomplishments and family, and enjoyed visiting with everyone.

He is survived by his wife, Carla Cornelius of Raymond, children Gregory (Jeanette) Cornelius of Forestburg, and Cheryl (Terry) Severson of Raymond, five grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, nine step-great-grandchildren, six nieces and three nephews.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Dorothea (Frank) Rousell, Elsie (Truman) Hagen, a brother in infancy, Agnes (Keith) Gilbert and Russ (Myrtle) Cornelius.



*Following the burial, please join the family for refreshments
& a time of fellowship in the Raymond Legion Hall.*

*The family of Charlie Cornelius thanks you for your presence here today,
for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.*

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Celebrating the Life of *Clayton "Charlie" Cornelius*



Services from

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Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 2:00 PM

Officiant

CRE Michelle Mehlberg

Music

"Go Rest High on That Mountain" - Recorded by Vince Gill

"Rock of Ages" - Robbyn Givens, Soloist

"How Great Thou Art" - Robbyn Givens, Soloist

"God Must Have Been a Cowboy" - Recorded by Dan Seals

Honorary Casketbearers

Charlie's Granddaughters

Casketbearers

Charlie's Grandsons

Interment

Prairie Valley Cemetery
Raymond, South Dakota