

## **Merrill K. "Sonny" Hohenberger**

Merrill K. "Sonny" Hohenberger was born August 23, 1920, at Belle Fourche. His family homesteaded north of Stoneville. Sonny was raised on the family ranch. Following graduation from high school, Sonny returned to ranching.

On January 2, 1947, Sonny married Phyllis Lemmel. The couple ranched east of Newell where Sonny raised registered Hereford cattle and Rambouillet sheep.

During the late 80's, they moved to Newell and semi-retired. Sonny became an avid fisherman in his spare time. He also enjoyed playing cards and visiting with his friends over coffee. He could be found in the bleachers wherever his grandkids were playing sports.

Sonny, 90, Newell, died Tuesday, June 28, 2011, near his home in Newell.

Survivors include his son, Doug (Cheryl) Hohenberger, Newell; daughter, Lisa (Pat) Schieffer, Sturgis; two sisters, Adele (John) Houston, Portland, OR, and Elaine Byers, Moscow, ID; seven grandchildren, Radley (fiancée, Kelcie Cross), Kirk, Tyler, Ryan, Drew, Dawson, and Dylan; and one great-granddaughter, Kynlee.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis in 2003; and brothers-in-law, Hank Severson and Roland Byers.

A memorial has been established.

## *In Loving Memory Of*



*Sonny Hohenberger*

*1920 ~ 2011*

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch in the Erskine Room in the church basement following the interment service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



***The Bend in the Road***

*When we feel we have  
nothing left to give  
And we are sure that the  
"Song has ended"- -  
When our day seems over  
and the shadows fall  
And the darkness of night  
has descended,*

*Where can we go to find the strength  
To valiantly keep on trying,  
Where can we find the hand  
that will dry  
The tears that the heart is crying- -*

*There's but one place to go and that is to God  
And, dropping all pretense and pride,  
We can pour our problems without restraint  
And gain strength with Him at our side—*

*And together we stand at life's crossroads  
And view what we think is the end,  
But God has a much bigger vision  
And He tells us it's only a bend - -*

*For the road goes on and is smoother,  
And the "pause in the song" is a "rest,"  
And the part that's unsung and unfinished  
Is the sweetest and richest and best - -*

*So rest and relax and grow stronger,  
Let go and let God share your load,  
You work is not finished or ended,  
You've just come to "a bend in the road."*

*Helen Steiner Rice*

***In Loving Memory Of***

***Merrill Keith "Sonny" Hohenberger***

***Born***

August 23, 1920  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

***Died***

June 28, 2011  
Newell, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Thursday, July 7, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church

***Officiating***

Pastor Harold Delbridge

***Soloist***

Arlie Hulm

***Musical Selections***

"Amazing Grace"  
"You'll Be There"

***Pallbearers***

Spud Lemmel ~ Booge Lemmel ~ Charlie Russell  
Glenn Wahlfeldt ~ Bernie Beer ~ Don Trohkimoinen  
Greg Sundstrom ~ Faye Mutchler

***Honorary Pallbearers***

Radley ~ Kirk ~ Tyler ~ Ryan ~ Drew  
Dawson ~ Dylan ~ Kynlee ~ Kelcie

***Interment***

Bear Butte Cemetery