

## Irwin V. Richardson

Irwin Richardson was born August 28, 1913, at Rapid City, SD, to Dick and Grace Richardson. He spent his early years on his parent's ranch near Howes, SD. He started riding with his dad before school age, and from the time he was 11 years old until he graduated from high school, he spent most of his life on a horse in a cow camp on the Cheyenne Indian Reservation herding cattle. He graduated from Faith High School and later attended college at the School of Mines in Rapid City.

On August 15, 1934, he married Inga Stalheim. In the early years, Irwin and Inga and two daughters, Lila and Lola, lived in a small log house built by French fur traders in 1878, on Red Owl Creek near Marcus. Later, they purchased an adjoining ranch where they had a daughter, Jessie, and a son, Pete. Irwin and Inga were both very hard workers and devoted their life to the ranch. In 1981, they leased the ranch and moved to Sturgis. In 1998, Inga passed away. In 1999, Irwin sold the ranch. He kept one saddle horse so he could go ride once in a while. He went on trail rides and worked cattle into his 90's.

In addition to ranching, Irwin was active in the following: South Dakota Stockgrower's Association, Masons 50+ years, Farm Bureau, Black Hills National Cemetery Conservancy, Elk Creek Soil Conservation, Rural Conservation and Development Board, County Commissioner, Kiwanis, Industrial Expansion Council, Senior Citizens, and the American Cancer Society.

Irwin, age 99, of Marcus, SD, passed away on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at the Westhills Village in Rapid City, SD.

He is survived by three daughters and one son and families; Lila (Casey) Jones of Dowling, MI, Lola (Dick) Frederickson, and Jessie (Charlie) Russell, both of Sturgis, SD, and Pete (Patsy) Richardson of San Diego, CA; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Inga; brother, Billy; sister, Arlene; granddaughter, Destiny Jones; and great-grandson, Cooper Urbaniak.

A memorial has been established to the Enning Volunteer Fire Department.

*In Loving Memory Of*

*Irwin V. Richardson*

*1913 ~ 2013*



***A Cowboy's Prayer  
By Badger Clark***

*Oh 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.  
I know that others find You in the light  
That's sifted down through tinted window panes,  
And yet I seem to feel You near tonight  
In this dim, quiet starlight on the plains.*

*I thank You, Lord, that I'm placed so well,  
That You have made my freedom so complete:  
That I'm no slave to whistle, clock or bell,  
Nor weak-eyed prisoner of wall and street.  
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 or high.*

*Let me be easy on the man that's down;  
Let me be square and generous with all.  
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town,  
But never let 'em say I'm mean or small!  
Make me as big and open as the plains,  
As honest as the hawse between my knees,  
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains,  
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze!*

*Forgive me, Lord, if sometimes I forget,  
You know about the reasons that are hid,  
You understand the things that gall and fret,  
You know me better than my mother did.  
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said  
And right me sometimes when I turn aside,  
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead  
That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.*

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***Born***

August 28, 1913  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Died***

July 9, 2013  
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***Funeral Service***

Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

***Officiating***

Pastor Harold Delbridge

***Special Music***

Paul Schultes

***Pallbearers***

All Family

***Interment***

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota