



James Alvin Grover

James A. Grover was born August 20, 1923, at Wessington Springs, SD. He went to country school on the Lower Brule Reservation. After completing his formal education he broke horses and worked for local ranchers.

Jim entered the US Army on September 13, 1946, and was honorably discharged September 12, 1949.



On April 14, 1944 he married Vanona Jean Wilson. They lived in Eastern South Dakota and North Dakota before settling in Sturgis where Jim worked for McPherson Propane. They moved to Belle Fourche where Jim owned and operated his own propane business. Following the death of his first wife, he met Judy Marie Holt, who

had also lost her spouse. The couple retired to Newell where they enjoyed their horses, wagon trains and working for a local rancher.

Jim was a 4H leader for the Wyo Dak Range Riders, life member of the Bit and Spur Saddle Club and a horsemanship judge of 35 years for Miss Rodeo South Dakota.



Jim, 90, Newell, died Tuesday, April 01, 2014, at the David M. Dorsett Health Care Center in Spearfish.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Holt, Newell; daughters, Charel and Jim Pitts, Newcastle, WY, Vana and Glen Larcom, Humansville, MO, Roxy and Don Marti, Spearfish, Kim and Mark Watson, Moorcroft, WY, Barb and Lou DeJong, Kennebec, SD, Shawn and Jerry Jaskela, Newell, SD, Mary Grover (Jason McChristie), Denver, CO; brother, Sam (Rosie) Grover, Phoenix, AZ; sisters, Shirley Jastorff, Council

Bluffs, IA, Arlene and Durwood Bouzek, Hot Springs, SD; also 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, three sisters, two brothers, and one granddaughter.

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

Condolences may be left for the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com



In Loving Memory Of



James Alvin Grover

1923 ~ 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

August 20, 1923
Wessington Springs, SD

Died

April 1, 2014
Spearfish, SD

Funeral Service

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, SD

Clergyman

Pastor Tom Martin

Special Musical Selections

"Life's Railway To Heaven"
"Green, Green Grass Of Home"
"Next To You, Next To Me"

Pallbearers

Gary Johnson ~ Mike Johnson ~ Justin Johnson
Trinity Jaskela ~ Dillon DeJong ~ Shawn Pitts
Ben Josephson ~ Travis Singleton

Honorary Pallbearers

All Grandchildren And Great-Grandchildren

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, SD



The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Vet's Club following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.