

Zearl Willis Drum

Zearl Willis Drum was born January 15, 1927, in Fluvanna, Texas, the only child of Willis Richard "Bill" and Clara Inez (Sneed) Drum. Zearl grew up in West Texas, primarily the Fluvanna and Snyder areas. During WWII, he enlisted in the Navy, serving as a corpsman in a hospital for wounded sailors and marines in California. Returning to Texas after his discharge, he then moved with his parents to the Faith area and began working as a ranch hand on the Merle Kelly ranch. For several years he owned and operated the local standard station and co-owned the Faith Saddle Shop. He began ranching in 1956.

On June 2, 1957, he married the love of his life, Shirley Ann Overland. They enjoyed 52 years together until his wife, Shirley, passed away July 20, 2009.

Zearl loved the ranching life and the ranching community of which he was a part. Zearl & Shirley lived and ranched on Flintrock Creek and raised their family there. He enjoyed spending time with neighbors and friends and loved his family and his grandchildren. He was a member of the Faith Church of Christ. Zearl was also a Masonic Lodge member for over 50 years. Zearl fought a courageous battle with brain cancer until his death on Sept 16, 2011.

Grateful to have shared his life are his 3 children, Darla (Calvin) Chapman, Faith, SD, Janna Streleck (James Warnemunde), Rapid City, SD, and Gary (Karleen) Drum, Faith, SD; nine grandchildren, Nathan Helms & Hannah Heinzerling, Rapid City, SD, Jeff (Sarah) Chapman, Dickinson, ND, Alanna Chapman & Jack Valentine, Aurora, CO, Jenna Streleck and Nicole Streleck, Rapid City, SD, Ashley Drum, Garret Drum, Seth Drum, and Megan Drum, Faith, SD; and one great-grandson, Landyn Wade Chapman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and wife, Shirley.

In Loving Memory Of



Zearl Drum

1927 ~ 2011

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch
at the community center following the interment service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

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Born

January 15, 1927
Fluvanna, Texas

Died

September 16, 2011
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Thursday, September 22, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.
Faith Community Center
Faith, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Jack Outhier
Pastor Calvin Chapman

Special Music

Jack Isaacs Terri Kissack
Debbie Stewart Butch Samuelson

Pallbearers

Nathan Helms ~ Jeff Chapman ~ Garret Drum ~ Seth Drum
Jack Overland ~ Dave Lutz ~ Ben Bachman ~ Bernt Askildsen

Honorary Pallbearers

Don Lutz ~ Gene Lund ~ Gene Ulrich ~ Dave Gano ~ Patty Kelly
Leroy Scofield ~ Darrell Griffith ~ Jim Feist ~ Larry Streleck
And All Other Family and Friends

Interment

Faith Cemetery
Faith, South Dakota

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.*