



## Robert "Robbie" Reedy

Robbie was born January 18, 1945, in Kadoka, SD, to John and Emilie (Barcal) Reedy. He grew up in a family of 6 children north of Philip, SD, near the Grand Stone Buttes. He graduated from Philip high school in 1963. Robbie then attended one year at SD School of Mines.

He joined the US Navy and served in Germany for two years before being assigned to the US Embassy in Cyprus for another two years. He was one of only two who earned the rank of 2nd Class Petty Officer in the entire US navy that year. Following his honorable discharge, Robbie returned to

Philip after the death of his younger brother to help run the family ranch. He married Paula Weiss on June 9, 1973, in Mondovi, WI. They ranched in Philip until 1977 when they moved to Fairpoint, SD, where they ranched until 1988.

They then moved to Newell. Robbie always said, "They were tough but wonderful years." Robbie then became a surveyor for the Bureau of Reclamation. In 2001, he began working at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Fort Meade. His family was Robbie's greatest treasure. He loved to dance, was a great storyteller, and was a good friend to many. He loved his friends, ranching, surveying, and taking care of those in the nursing home. Robbie was a member of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church, the Vale Township Board, the Knights of Columbus, and the Philip American Legion and both the Fairpoint and Vale Fire Depts.



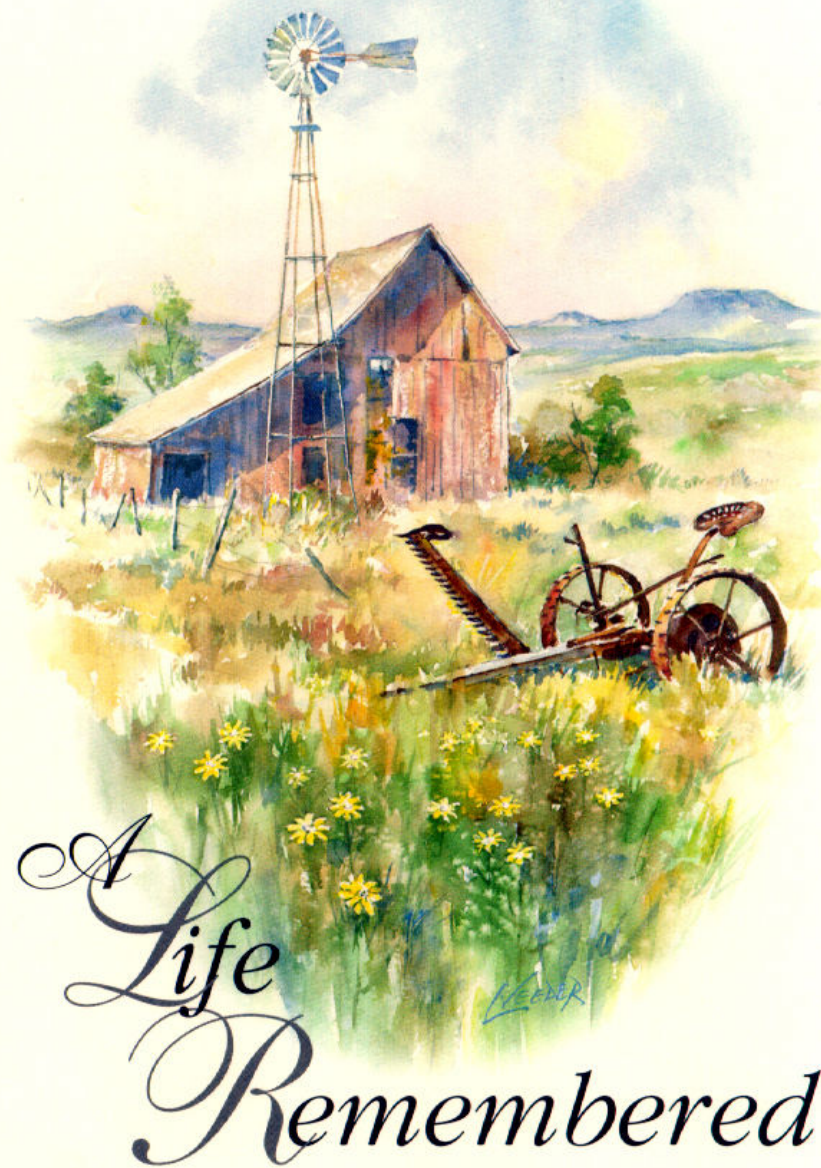
Robert John Reedy, 67, Vale, died Thursday, November 29, 2012, at his residence in Vale.

He is survived by his wife, Paula, Vale; his children, Julie (Scott) Wheeler, Sundance, WY, Will (Misty) Reedy, Vale, Christy (Darrin) Jons, Pierre, SD, Mary Reedy, Rapid City, SD, Anna (Chris) Skeen, Pine Haven, WY, Meghan Reedy, Camp Crook, SD, and Joseph Reedy, Chadron, NE; his mother, Emilie Reedy, two sisters, MaryKay Sandal and Joann (Lester) Pearson of Philip, and one brother, Mike, of CO, grandchildren: Tori, Brit, Peter, Josie, Emilie, Mathew, Bailey, and Cooper.



He was preceded in death by his father, John, and two brothers, Richard and Joseph Reedy, nephew Johnny Sandal and brother-in-law Larry Sandal.

Robbie was a wonderful husband, father, and friend. He will be greatly missed.





## **The Soul of a Cowboy**

*By Paula Reedy*

The distance far and blue  
Reflects the color of his eyes,  
The waving, rippling sea of grass,  
Beneath the molten noon-time brass,  
Rolls on beneath the endless skies.

He pauses here atop this butte  
To give his horse a rest;  
To gaze down on the house below  
And deep within his heart to know  
That life out here's the best.

He left this land while in his youth  
And ventured far away.  
He felt the pull of city lights,  
Where neon punctuates the nights,  
But missed the smell of hay.

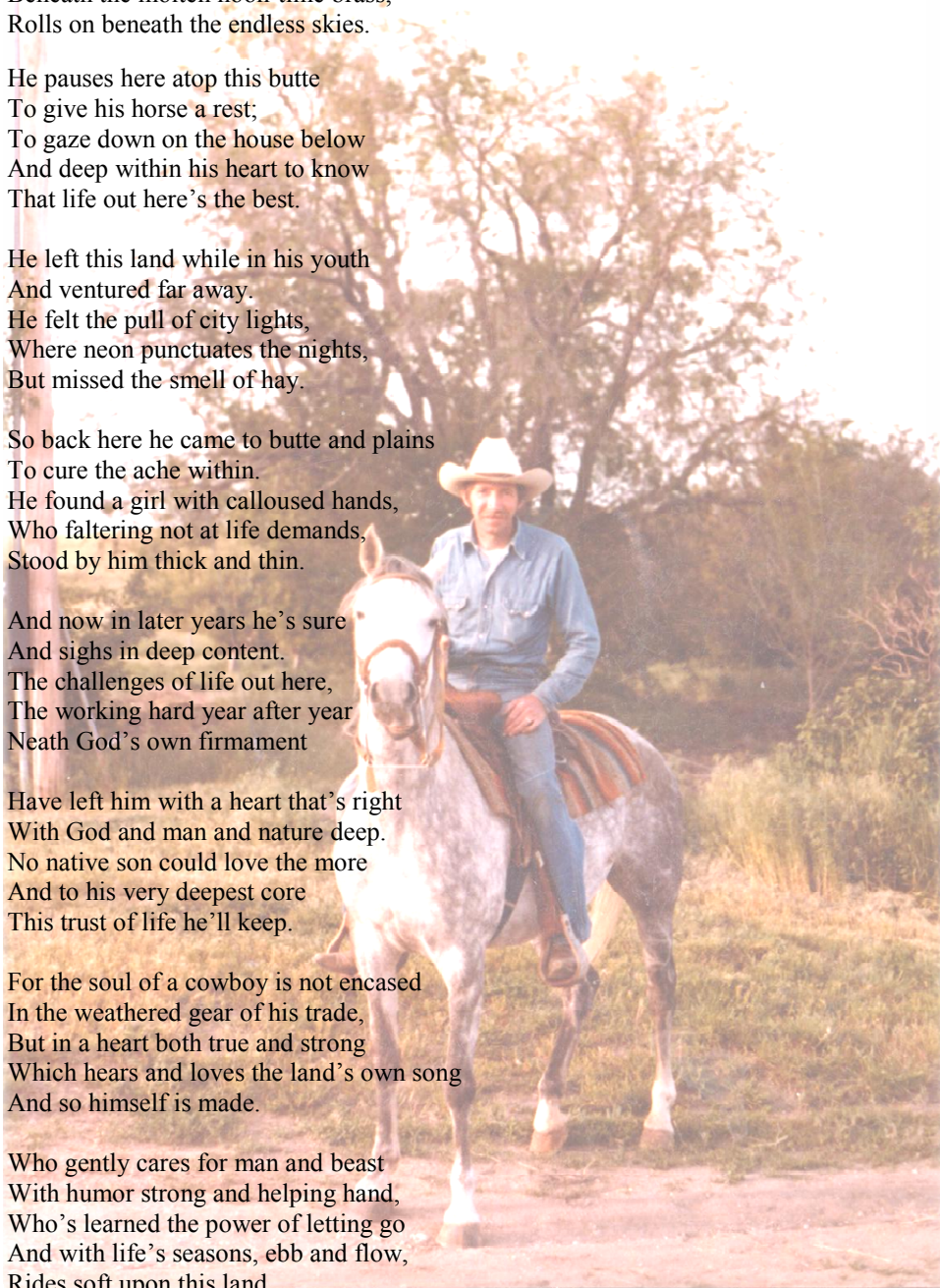
So back here he came to butte and plains  
To cure the ache within.  
He found a girl with calloused hands,  
Who faltering not at life demands,  
Stood by him thick and thin.

And now in later years he's sure  
And sighs in deep content.  
The challenges of life out here,  
The working hard year after year  
Neath God's own firmament

Have left him with a heart that's right  
With God and man and nature deep.  
No native son could love the more  
And to his very deepest core  
This trust of life he'll keep.

For the soul of a cowboy is not encased  
In the weathered gear of his trade,  
But in a heart both true and strong  
Which hears and loves the land's own song  
And so himself is made.

Who gently cares for man and beast  
With humor strong and helping hand,  
Who's learned the power of letting go  
And with life's seasons, ebb and flow,  
Rides soft upon this land.



*In Loving Memory Of*

## **Robert John Reedy**

### ***Born***

January 18, 1945 at Kadoka, South Dakota

### ***Died***

November 29, 2012 at Vale, South Dakota

### ***Funeral Service***

Monday, December 3, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Star of the Sea

Newell, South Dakota

### ***Officiating***

Father Tyler Dennis

### ***Musicians***

Vonda Mahaffy ~ Kim Smeenk ~ Briana Funk

### ***Musical Selections***

"Eye Has Not Seen" "How Great Thou Art" "Amazing Grace"

"The Old Rugged Cross" "On Eagle's Wings"

### ***Pallbearers***

Lawrence Schofield ~ Keith Slovek ~ Virgil Smith

Les Pearson ~ Ron Millage ~ Ernie Werlein

### ***Honorary Pallbearers***

All Friends and Family

### ***Interment***

Vale Cemetery ~ Vale, South Dakota

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