

William "Bill" Marty, Jr.

William "Bill" Marty, Jr., was born September 14, 1925, in Spearfish to William and Ruth L. (Phipps) Marty, Sr. He grew up and lived on the Marty Ranch, which he enjoyed and was proud of until July 2013, and then retired at the Country Assisted Living in Belle Fourche, due to health. He remained there until his death, with family by his side.

Bill went to grade school at the Marty-Granpre School on the Marty Ranch. He graduated from Spearfish High School and attended one year of college at Black Hills College at the young age of 16. He came back to the Marty Ranch and went into partnership with his father and brother, John Marty, raising sheep and Hereford cattle. When his dad retired, they raised only Herefords

and were one of the few and last ranches to sell three year old steers.

Bill was very well known for his personality and humor. He was born with a natural talent for drawing and art. He drew cartoons of real life experiences of friends and family. It was easy for him to tell the story in a picture. He drew hundreds of pictures and gave them to friends and relatives which are precious to everyone. Bill was awarded the Northwest Ranch Cowboy's Rodeo Assoc. Cartoonist of the year for several years, and received several awards in high school and college. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Belle Fourche and a Master Mason and Eastern Star, Pasque Lodge in Bison for nearly 65 years, and was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Zeona.

Bill married Shirley Maxine Wells from Fifty-Six, AR, on November 17, 1944. They had one son, William Jesse Marty, who remains on the ranch; a daughter, Ruth Ann Marty-Sprague, who lives northwest of Mud Butte on a ranch; and granddaughter, Melissa Ann Marty and great-granddaughter, Ella Mia Marty of Beresford, SD.

Bill built a roping/barrel racing arena on the ranch for Jesse and Ruth Ann. Friends and neighbors gathered on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons for roping and pot lucks, which gave everyone wonderful memories. Bill and Maxine enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, bowling, and dancing. They were actively involved in and supported Jesse in track and football, and Ruth Ann in rodeo. He loved taking his family to the Slim Buttes for picnics, going to movies, fishing, hunting, sledding, ice skating, and spending time with them as they were growing up. He made everything fun.

Bill, 88, Prairie City, died Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at Country Senior Living in Belle Fourche.

He is survived by his wife of 69 ½ years, Maxine; one son, William Jesse (Mary Lee) Marty; daughter, Ruth Ann (Dale) Sprague; grand-daughter,

Melissa Ann Marty (Todd Schick); and great-granddaughter, Ella Mia Marty; a sister, Ruth Marie Blair of Ekalaka, MT; and sister-in-law, Helen Marty of Spearfish; nieces and nephews, Jerry Wells, Sam Marty, Mary Lou Marty, Liz May, Grace Blair, Tom Blair, and Doris Matz; step-grandchildren, Randy Russell, Delana Nelson, and Chuck Russell; and several step-great-grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Doris Marty; and brother, John Marty.



*It's not the end of the trail for me,
I'm just headin' out to the light I see.
Beyond those Slim Buttes there's a soft glow;
It's gettin' brighter the closer I go.
It's like the beginning of a new day,
And the trail I'm followin' leads the way.
I feel sure there's friends and family ahead,
And they've set up camp on a brand new spread.
Yes, I can hear the voices callin' my name,
sayin', "Welcome Bill, sure glad you came,
This new range is special, you'll like it here,
There's grass for your horses, the streams are clear,
The cattle are gentle and never stampede,
And in every direction there's plenty of feed.
If you're thinkin' it sounds too good to be true,
It's not-'cause the Boss made a promise to you.
If you'd ride for his brand, be honest and square,
He'd relieve all your pain, and remove every care.
He was mighty pleased with your life on earth,
That you did your best, and proved your worth.
So step off your horse, and tied on up,
Your friends are all waiting to pour you a cup.
We'll talk about old days, as time allows,
'cause startin' tomorrow you'll be workin' cows!"*

In Loving Memory Of

William “Bill” Marty, Jr.

Born

September 14, 1925
Spearfish, South Dakota

Died

March 18, 2014
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergymen

Pastor Harold Delbridge
Pastor Andy Anderson

Pianist

Roxie Chowen

Soloist

Doug Jerde

Special Musical Selections

“The Old Rugged Cross”
“Amazing Grace”

Pallbearers

Doug Jerde ~ Ray Hansen
Doug Hanson ~ Dwight Sabo
Vern Anders ~ Kurt Simon

Honorary Pallbearers

All Nieces, Nephews, Friends, and Neighbors

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

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