

Gale was born to Doris (Overland) Bastian and Merle Bastian on July 25, 1950, in Sturgis, SD. He was his mother's favorite birthday gift that year. He spent his toddler years living on Pine Creek. He welcomed his little sister, Sheila, in 1959. Gale attended multiple grade schools dependent on where Doris was teaching that year. He attended Faith High School, graduating in 1968. During his high school career, he was active in basketball and football. During and after high school, Gale worked at the Faith Livestock Commission Company. Gale thoroughly enjoyed hunting, fishing and skiing with family and friends. His uncle, Wayne can tell you more about the size of the bucks and fish.

Gale worked side by side with his parents and sister's family on the family ranch on Sulphur Creek. They raised, sheep, cattle and pigs. In partnership with his dad, he owned and operated a hay grinding and hay moving business. He did farming jobs for many people and operated a feed lot for many years. They built a dam on the property which pioneered advanced farming technology in the rural area, not to mention great fishing! He did custom mechanic work out of his shop for many years as well. He sheared sheep also. His uncle (more like a brother), Jack Overland, helped on many occasions with these jobs.

Gale served on the Opal Hall board as well as the Faith Stock Show board. He was always willing to lend a hand to a neighbor who needed help.

Gale developed a great passion for music. He formed many friendships with so many people in the Black Hills, across South Dakota and in Nashville. He took several trips to Nashville and worked closely with the Wilt Brothers.

Gale married Gwen Cordie on June 16, 1989, in Rapid City, SD, and added three daughters, Erin, Erica and Carly, to his family. They later divorced and Gale started a new chapter working for Cammack Ranch Supply in Union Center, SD. The ranch was sold and Gale, along with his parents, lived north of Union Center. He continued to live there after the deaths of Merle and Doris. He worked at Cammack Ranch Supply for 23 years, several of those as manager. He loved visiting with people particularly during the annual stock show event in Rapid City. He loved to market and sell new items to his customers. He valued his customers so much. He preferred top quality products and enjoyed helping set up new cattle working systems with the customer. He valued quality and customer service highly. His customers will surely miss his caring and honest nature.

Gale cared for and loved animals, but none more than his faithful dog, Buster. Gale and Buster often went for drives together and sometimes Buster was rewarded with a bunny chase at the Cammack Ranch Supply yards.

Gale enjoyed food! He loved to go out to eat with friends and family. He was always searching for that perfect beef steak and dearly loved his Mom's homegrown fried chicken! He also loved a good rodeo. He often took family and friends to the Days of 76 rodeo and the Belle Fourche Round Up. He never missed a good matched bronc ride!

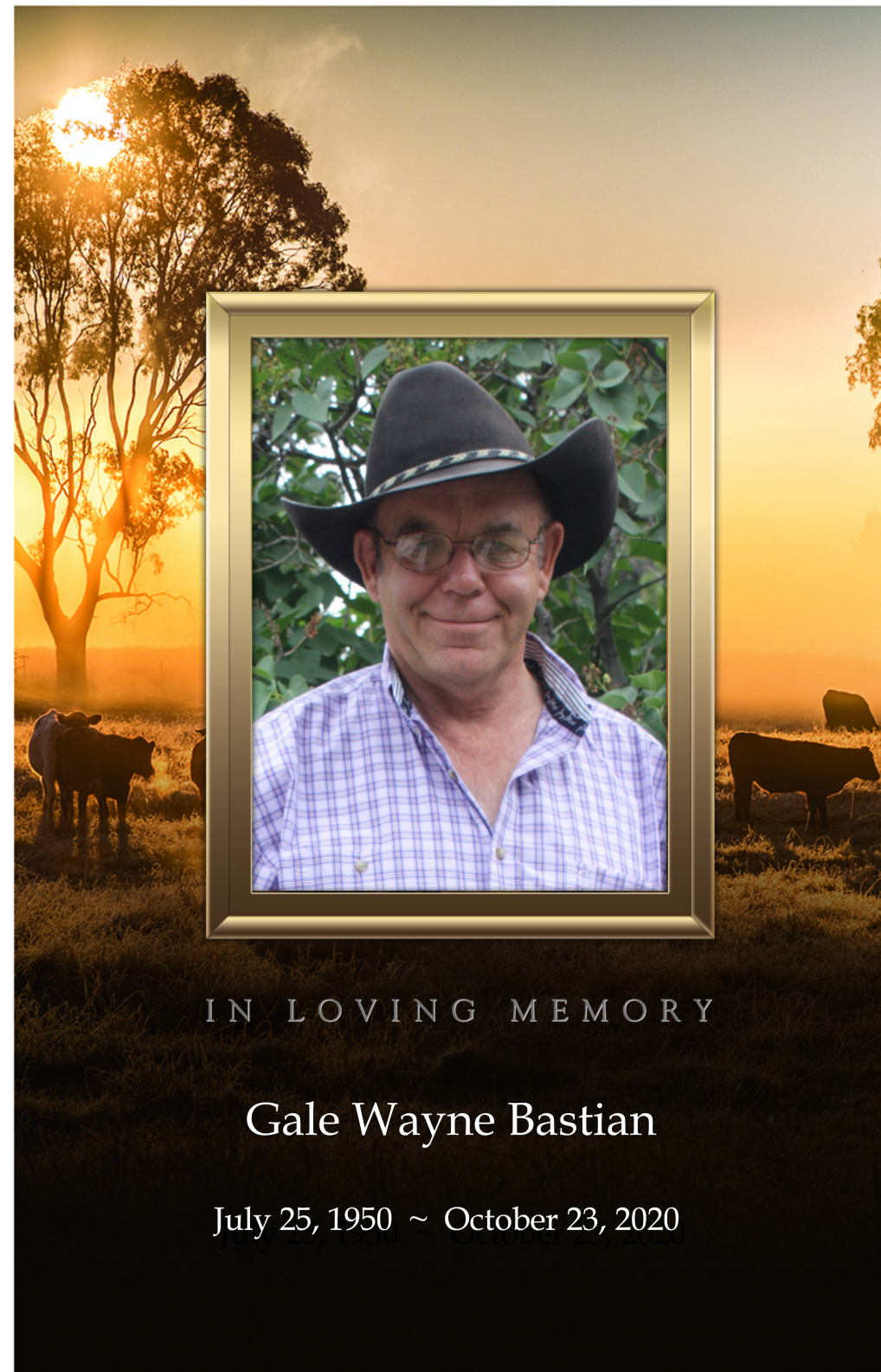
Gale will be remembered for his contagious laugh and his ability to turn an unsuccessful experience into a learning experience. He came up with a new and improved plan quickly. He had a manager personality of professionalism and like to make sure everything was done to a high standard. Short cuts were not an option for Gale.

Gale Wayne Bastian, 70, Union Center, SD, passed away following a courageous battle with cancer on October 23, 2020, at Monument Health Care Sturgis Hospital.

Gale is survived by his sister, Sheila (Jim) Hostetter, Red Owl, SD; and their sons, Tucker Hostetter (Sue Littleton), Whitewood, SD, and Troy Hostetter (Ann Marie), Belle Fourche, SD; great nephews, Tate, Tanner, Tyce and Kashton; and great niece, Trinity, all of Belle Fourche, SD; daughters, Erin Wilde and family, Texas, Erica Cordie, Florida, and Carly (Bob) Jeffers and family, New Mexico; his faithful dog, Buster; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and Cammack Ranch Supply family.

Gale was preceded in death by his parents, Doris and Merle Bas

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





I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.*



In Memory Of **Gale Wayne Bastian**

Date of Birth

July 25, 1950
Sturgis, South Dakota

Date of Death

October 23, 2020
Sturgis, South Dakota

Service

Saturday, October 31, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
Central Meade County Community Center
Union Center, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Harold Delbridge

Musician

Jack Isaacs

Songs

"A Maiden's Prayer" "Green, Green Grass of Home"
"I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You"

Pallbearers

Gerald Moeller ~ Wes Labrier ~ Gary Cammack
Brian Smith ~ Tucker Hostetter ~ Troy Hostetter

Honorary Pallbearers

Wayne Overland ~ Jack Overland
All Family and Friends

Final Resting Place

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis South Dakota