

Andrew Callesen "Cal" Thybo, 61, left this earth to go on to ride fences for the biggest spread around on June 27, 2020. Cal was a cowboy, rancher, husband, father, brother, and dear friend.

He was born December 12, 1958, in Belle Fourche, SD, to Arlo James "Buck" Thybo and Karen (Steele) Thybo. He spent his youth on the family ranch south of Reva, SD. He attended country school at the Rock Ranch School just a couple miles from home. He and his brother, Jimmy, spent their days riding in the Slim Buttes, riding calves, yearlings, and whatever else they could capture. He attended eighth grade in Nisland, SD, and high school in Spearfish, SD, where he graduated in 1977. He started riding saddle broncs as a freshman in high school. He continued to ride saddle broncs for several years after school.

Cal worked for the Crago ranches, first for Walt Crago, then later Vince Crago. He worked on the Kudlock ranch for three years before moving to the Bar H Ranch at Reva. The Bar H was special to him because it was an original Thybo family ranch. He managed the Bar H for 21 years, from 1999 until his passing. He worked hard to improve the cows and the grass on the place. He really enjoyed helping the neighbors; he would drop anything when someone needed help. Many of his favorite days were spent working with the neighbor crew. He loved cowboying and spent a lot of long days on horseback. Cal was also a silversmith, accomplished at making bits and spurs. His grandson, Tregg, put a twinkle in his eye.

Cal is survived by the love of his life, Gail Thybo; children, Teresa Thybo, Tyrel (Jamie) Thybo, and Ashley Thybo; his grandson, Tregg Mitchell Thybo; sister, Kay Thybo Kornemann; brother, Jimmy (Rhonda) Thybo; sister, Oddette Thybo Lambert; aunt, Marie (Jimmie) Donohue; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

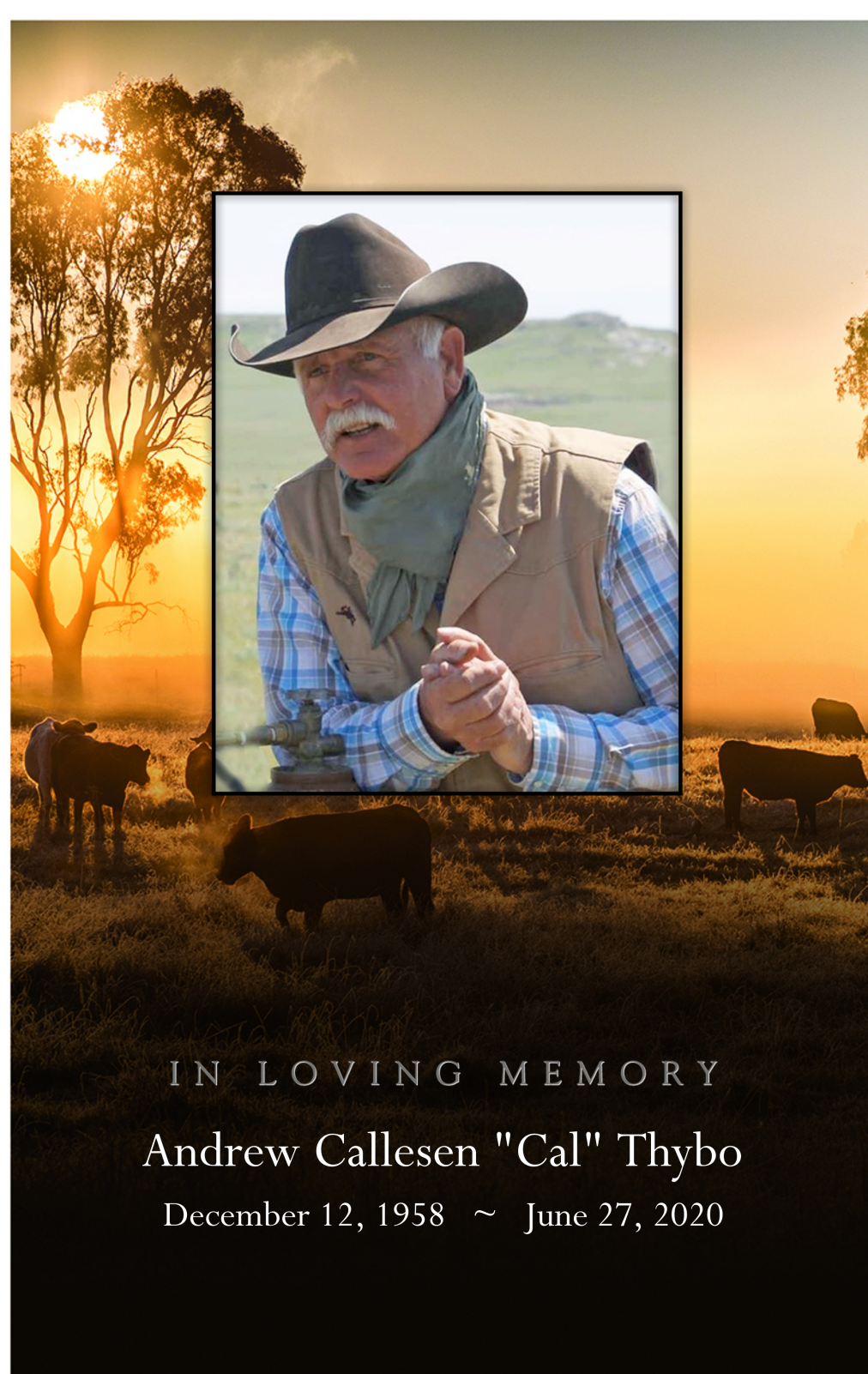
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

COWBOY'S PRAYER

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.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at The Branding Iron in Belle Fourche following the funeral service, prior to the graveside service.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Andrew Callesen "Cal" Thybo

December 12, 1958 ~ June 27, 2020



THE THINGS A COWBOY DOES

by Darrell Arnold

Why do you do it? someone asked.

The money doesn't pay. The work is hard. The hours are long.

How can you live this way? What makes you chase the cowboy life?

A life of dust and heat. A life of sittin' on a horse in cold and wind and sleet?

I pondered on it for a spell, then answered that I thought

I did it 'cause the things I like are things a cowboy's got.

I like the way a saddle smells. I like the way the leather feels.

I like the ringin' jingle of the spurs behind my heels.

I'm kinda fond of wide brimmed hats, the smell of fresh mowed hay,

The look of a well-made haystack, back when they were made that way.

It's fun to throw a perfect loop and dally on the horn.

There's pleasure in the way I feel when all the calves are born.

I like a brand new pair of boots. I like old sheepskin coats.

I like the sound my horse makes when he's munching on his oats.

There is not much I like better than riding a well broke horse,

One that is cowy, handles a rope and doesn't buck of course.

I really like tight leather gloves and branding in the spring.

I'd rather hear a bawling cow than hear a choir sing.

What cowboys are is what I am, it's all I care to be,

And all the things a cowboy has are good enough for me.

In Memory Of Andrew Callesen "Cal" Thybo

Date of Birth

December 12, 1958

Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Date of Death

June 27, 2020

Reva, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Thursday, July 2, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.

Besler's Cadillac Ranch

St. Onge, South Dakota

Officiating

Brad Larsen

Special Reading

Mark Vroman

Musicians

Ty Hotchkiss

Troy Hight

Music

"God Must Be A Cowboy At Heart"

"Tribute"

Pallbearers

Raydelle Sperle Bruce Crago Brett Loughlin

Doug Doll Kelly Britton Terry Kudlock

Final Resting Place

Pine Slope Cemetery

Belle Fourche, South Dakota