

John Duane Rhynard

John was born November 6, 1939, at Culver City, CA, to John and Wilma (Miner) Rhynard. At the age of two they moved to Creighton, SD. He attended grade school at Squaw Creek School near Creighton. He graduated from Quinn High School in 1957. He attended one year of college at Black Hills State in Spearfish, and then taught at a rural school for the 1961-62 school year. He was drafted and served in the United States Army. Most of his time in the service was stationed in Alaska. In March of 1965, he was honorably discharged.

In 1966 he went to Cheyenne, WY, where he worked for a construction company. He married Tammi Wilkinson. They moved back to the family ranch near Creighton in 1968. John worked for Pennington County for several years. He was the highway foreman until they moved to the ranch at Mud Butte in 1974. Tammi died in November of 1996.

John married Rene Zwetzig in 1997. The couple lived on the ranch until 2003. Eventually they moved to Newell in 2007.

To say John was an avid Newell Irrigators Basketball fan is an understatement. Basketball was his favorite sport. He also enjoyed rodeo. John was a member of the Newell Evangelical Church. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners.

John Duane Rhynard, 80, Newell, died Thursday, October 22, 2020, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, WY.

Survivors include his wife, Rene; children, Kerri (George) Johnson, Robert (Debra) Meyer, Dena Simmons, Troy (Shannon) Zwetzig, Dawn (Ross) Hunter; sisters, Patricia (Gene) Buck, Marcia Gordon, Anita Beard, Judith Stafford; brother, Zane (Norma) Rhynard; 8 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Tammi; and two brothers in law.

Memorials have been established to the Newell Irrigators Boys and Girls Basketball Teams and to the Newell Evangelical Church.

For GOD so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten SON,
that whosoever believeth in HIM
should not perish, but have EVERLASTING LIFE.

John 3:16

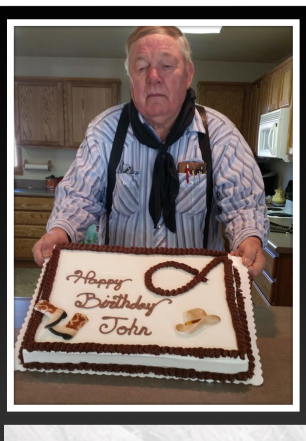
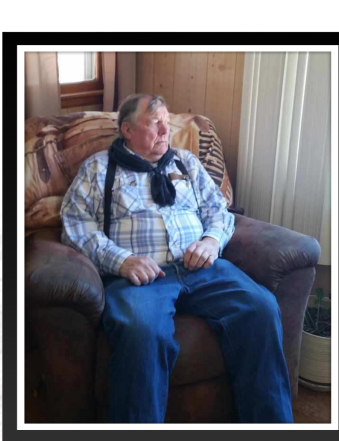
We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

John Duane Rhynard

November 6, 1939 ~ October 22, 2020



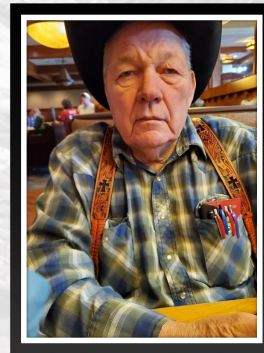
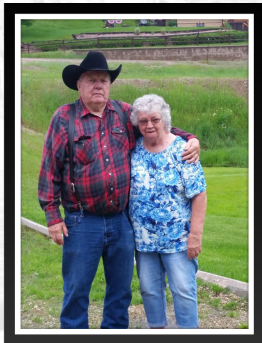
COWBOY'S PRAYER

*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.*



In Memory Of **John Duane Rhynard**

Date of Birth
November 6, 1939
Culver City, California

Date of Death
October 22, 2020
Casper, Wyoming

Service
Friday, October 30, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy
Pastor Tom Martin

Pallbearers
Dee Wilcox ~ Harold Miller ~ Dick Keil
Ed Humble ~ Veron McCarthy ~ Donnie Goodsell

Military Honors
Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard
Sturgis, South Dakota

Final Resting Place
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things
are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

2 Corinthians 5:17