

Mark Delano Bachand

Mark Delano Bachand was born on March 28, 1942 to Ezward and Evelyn (Madison) Bachand. He and his five siblings were raised near the Belle Fourche River southeast of Volunteer. He attended country school until the eighth grade, and then attended Sturgis High School, graduating in 1961. Rodeo was a big part of his life. He rode bareback and judged for many years, often telling stories of his great adventures during this time.

While he was recuperating in the hospital from a broken leg, he met a young woman working there named Shirley Olson who would become his wife and the mother of his sons, Shane and Bradley. Mark was incredibly proud of both of his sons and everything they have accomplished.

Mark's father and grandfather drove the stagecoach in the Days of '76 rodeo and parade since 1922. Mark was very proud of this legacy, taking over in 1972 and continuing until 2002. He was also invited to the NFR in Las Vegas in 1986 to re-enact the Days of '76 stagecoach holdup during two of the performances. Mark was deeply honored to be a part of the 100th year celebration of the Days of '76 and the Bachand family legacy surrounding this event.

Mark loved people and enjoyed visiting with everyone wherever he went. Some of his favorite hobbies were music, dancing, riding his horse, and telling stories of growing up in the country and living the country life.

Mark will be deeply missed. His family and friends find comfort in knowing that he is in a great place and continuing to have amazing adventures!

Mark D. Bachand, 82, Sturgis, SD, passed away Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at Sturgis Monument Health.

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

Thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Mark Delano Bachand

March 29, 1942 ~ October 29, 2024

In Loving Memory Of
Mark Delano Bachand

Born

March 29, 1942
Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

October 29, 2024
Sturgis, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Thursday, November 7, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Sturgis United Methodist Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiants

Pastor Jenene Earl
Pastor Walter Rasmussen

*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.*

