

John Dale "JD" Mutchler was born October 20, 1968, in Rapid City to Neil and Margaret Mutchler of Mud Butte, SD. He grew up and attended high school in Newell, SD, where he graduated in 1987. He moved to Mud Butte and worked on the Mutchler Ranch, raising Hereford cattle.

He married Danelle Mutchler on September 20, 1997. Together with their children, Tyler, Megan, and Prestyn, they welcomed another son, Caleb, in 2001. He continued to ranch in Mud Butte, and soon became busy taking his kids to ropings, rodeos, and following their athletic teams and other activities from elementary school through college. He loved his kids, but he had an even bigger place in his heart for his grandchildren, who will always remember "Papa JD" in every tall man they see with a cowboy hat.

He also enjoyed spending time with his wife, Danelle, no matter what they were doing - marathons, camping, or paddle boating. He would always be up for a new adventure, clad in his cowboy hat, denim western shirt, Hawaiian swimming trunks, and crocs.

JD was known by many, and had many long-lived friendships. His personality matched that of his horses: sometimes stubborn and wild, but gentle-mannered. He always had a sarcastic joke to tell (mostly inappropriate ones) and liked to make people laugh. Each joke was always followed by a big smile and a belly laugh. He loved kids, and developed a passion of helping and teaching kids to rope. Over the last few years, he helped build the arena into a place where kids could learn to love rodeo as much as he did.

He wanted to live, to share many more moments with his wife and family. He wanted to run his ranch, carrying on the Mutchler name. He wanted to watch his grandkids bounce on the backs of horses he made "kid broke" himself. He fought the hardest battle of his life for many years, and is finally at peace.

The family extends their most sincere thanks to all of those who cared for JD and his family throughout his life. Your help was what did, and will continue to, hold his family together for many years to come.

JD, age 51 of Newell, SD, passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2020, at his home.

JD is survived by his wife of 24 years, Danelle (Conitz) Mutchler; his children, Tyler (Jordynn) Mutchler, Megan Dix, Prestyn Novak, and Caleb Mutchler; his grandchildren, Josie Dix (age 2) and Tilden Mutchler (age 1); his mother, Margaret (Bauer) Mutchler; his brothers, Marvin (Teka) Mutchler and Bill (Tricia) Mutchler; numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews; and his loyal pal, Roper.

He was preceded in death by his father, Neil Mutchler, and infant sister, Mary Mutchler.

A memorial has been established to the Community Club for the Newell Arena improvements.

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



The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the Ram Barn at the Arena following the funeral service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



IN LOVING MEMORY

John Dale "JD" Mutchler

October 20, 1968 ~ August 2, 2020



JD

*The sun set on a friend today
The lord was calling to him in a different way*

*There were things in his life that he just couldn't gather in
So, he chose a path with a quick & final end*

*It isn't easy for us to watch a person slip & fall
But that doesn't define a life, as there are times, we all stand tall*

*Our imprints are left when we help young people and folks with needs
I know the score will be high when they tally all of his good deeds*

*Our friend is in a place he won't struggle anymore
That still leaves a lot of asking if we could have done more*

*He answered this on his last day as he took the reins and seen it to the end
With that I'll say: rest easy my friend*

~ Sheriff Fred Lamphere

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John Dale "JD" Mutchler

Date of Birth

October 20, 1968
Rapid City, South Dakota

Date of Death

August 2, 2020
Newell, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, August 7, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
Newell Rodeo Arena
Newell, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Harold Delbridge

Musician

Archie Hulm

Songs

"When I Get Where I'm Going" "Go Rest High On That Mountain"
"That's My Job" "Give Heaven Some Hell"

Pallbearers

Rich Palo Jim Palo Scott Reder Scott Crowser
Robert Boylan Darin Schuelke Harold Miller Todd Furchner

Honorary Pallbearers

All JD's Friends and Family

Final Resting Place

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota