

## Jake Eugene Mooney



Jake Eugene Mooney was born on October 31, 1932, in Wheeler, Texas, to Floyd Mooney and Margaret Byard and lived in Texas until 1947, when his family moved near Haydraw, SD.

In 1951, he married Mary Klosterman. They had four children: Jerry, Mike, Corinna and Gaylene. In 1968, they purchased a ranch near Marcus. In 1976, they sold the ranch and moved to Belle Fourche, where they owned and operated the Ace Motel, a hog confinement business, and a trailer court.

In 1979, he moved to Piedmont and, in 1983, he married Lynne Nowell, adding her daughters, Amy and Dana, to his family. Jake worked for a corporate farm, and then operated a custom farming and haying operation. In 1990, they opened a seasonal campground for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, which consumed his time in the spring and summer months.

He raised Paint horses and enjoyed rodeos, especially calf roping and team roping, first as a participant and later as a spectator. Jake was a lifetime, charter member of the H&M Roping Club. His hobbies included hunting and fishing.

Jake, 81, a long-time resident of western South Dakota, passed away at his home on Sunday, February 2, 2014.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Lynne; children – Jerry (Bev) Mooney, Wall, SD, Mike Mooney, Rapid City, SD, Corinna Thompson, Faith, SD, Gaylene (John) Septka, Sturgis, SD, Amy (Gene) Klein, Lubbock, TX, and Dana Huffman, Piedmont, SD; grandchildren – Cheryl (Dann) Nankivel, Christopher (Jessica Verchio) Mooney, Sandy Erickson, Patrick Erickson, Max (Katrina) Thompson, and Ethan and Erin Klein; great-grandchildren – Taylor Erickson, Kenna and Kady Nankivel, and Ty Thompson; his sisters – Leona Fields, Elm Springs, SD, Margaret Mooney, Carlsbad, CA, and LaNelle Mooney, Boise, ID, his brother, Eudell Mooney, Edmonton, KY; his brother-in-law, Chuck Larsen, New Underwood, SD; and his faithful companion, BoBo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son-in law, Earl Thompson; his sisters - Louise Worley, and Luvane Larsen; his brothers - Winifred and Olin and an infant brother; and his brothers-in law –A.J. Worley and Mooris Fields.

Jake was a member of the Olive Branch #47 and the NAJA Shrine. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Minneapolis, MN.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



## *In Loving Memory Of*



*Jake Mooney*

*1932 ~ 2014*

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***A Cowboy's Prayer  
By Badger Clark***

*Oh 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.  
I know that others find You in the light  
That's sifted down  
through tinted window panes,  
And yet I seem to feel You near tonight  
In this dim, quiet starlight on the plains.*

*I thank You, Lord, that I'm placed so well,  
That You have made my freedom so complete;  
That I'm no slave to whistle, clock or bell,  
Nor weak-eyed prisoner of wall and street.  
Just let me live my life as I've begun  
And give me work that's open to the sky;  
Make me a pardner of the wind and sun,  
And I won't ask a life that's soft or high.*

*Let me be easy on the man that's down;  
Let me be square and generous with all.  
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town,  
But never let 'em say I'm mean or small!  
Make me as big and open as the plains,  
As honest as the hawse between my knees,  
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains,  
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze!*

*Forgive me, Lord, if sometimes I forget,  
You know about the reasons that are hid,  
You understand the things that gall and fret,  
You know me better than my mother did.  
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said  
And right me sometimes when I turn aside,  
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead  
That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.*

*In Loving Memory Of*

***Jake Eugene Mooney***

***Born***

October 31, 1932  
Wheeler, Texas

***Died***

February 2, 2014  
Brandon, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***

Saturday, February 8, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.  
Grace United Methodist Church  
Piedmont, South Dakota

***Officiating***

Reverend Floyd Mooney, Jr.

***Soloist***

Amy Wicks

***Musical Selections***

"One Day At A Time"  
"On The Wings Of A Dove"  
"God Must Be A Cowboy At Heart"

***Honorary Pallbearers***

Artie Gifford ~ Mitch Jeffery ~ Avin Martin  
Randy Meyer ~ Kenny Venjohn ~ Bill Zigenbien

***Masonic Rites***

Olive Branch #47 AF & AE

***Inurnment***

At A Later Date  
Piedmont Cemetery

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