

James Rue "Jimmie" Reed

Life long Meade County rancher and former county commissioner, James Rue "Jimmie" Reed passed away in Sturgis, SD, on September 16, 2012, due to complications from heart failure.

He was born July 3, 1926, at home in the original log house at the Reed Ranch on Brushie Creek, SD, to James G. and Hannah Doerfler Reed, the fifth of seven children. The attending midwife, neighbor Julia McCabe, later became his grandmother-in-law.

Jim began his education in nearby country schools, attended Faith High School for three years and graduated from Sturgis High School in 1945, and was immediately drafted into the US Army. He served in Germany for a year and was honorably discharged in 1946.

Home on leave, Jim married Peggy Robbins on October 27, 1945. They ranched on Brushie Creek, and raised five children before relocating to the Sturgis area in 1988.

Jim loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, neighbors, and friends.

His palomino horses were a lifelong joy. He also valued preserving the pioneer heritage, including passing on the skills of his father and grandfather to train and drive a six horse freight hitch with a jerk-line.

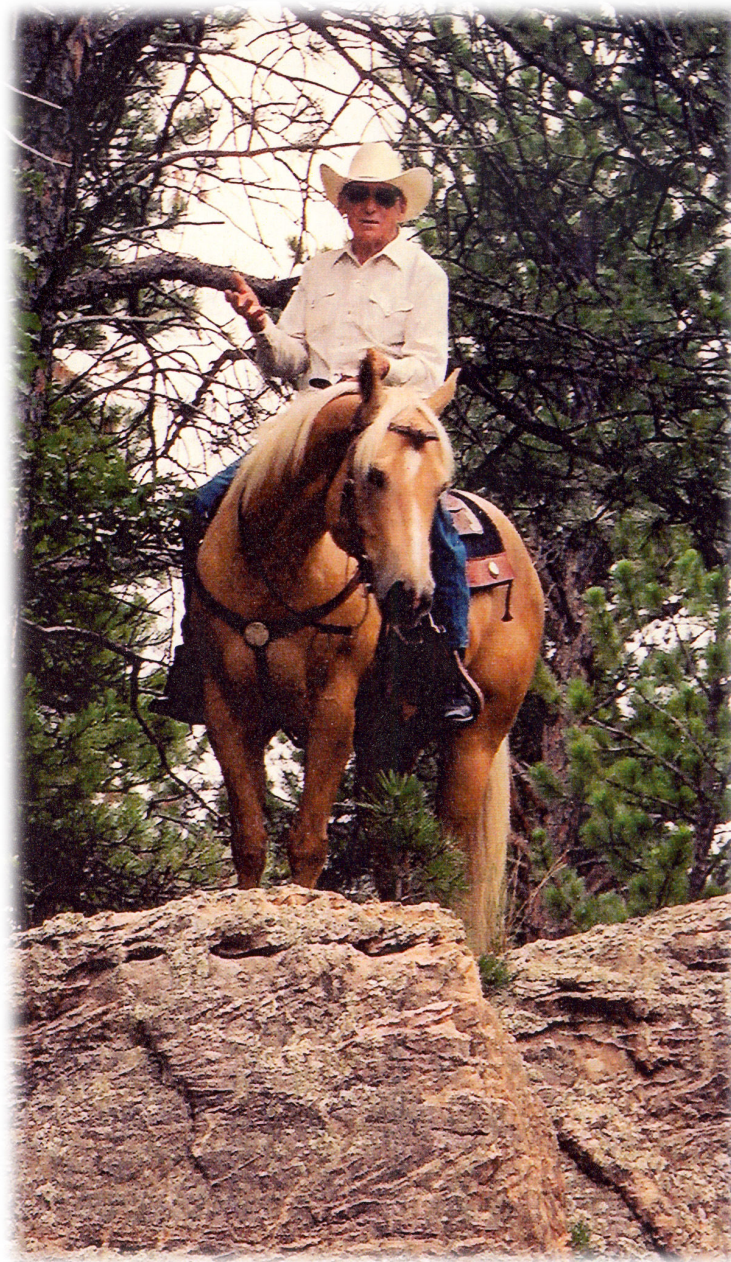
He served on several state and local government boards including the Meade County Commission for 12 years, the South Dakota State Brand board, the South Dakota State Weed and Pest Board, and the South Dakota Commission of School and Public Lands. He held numerous offices as a lifetime member, including president of South Dakota Farm Bureau; also, as a lifelong member of the Faith United Methodist Church, he served in many roles, including leadership of the Church Council during the construction of new church building in early 1980's.

He is survived by his wife of almost 67 years, Evelyn M. "Peggy" Robbins Reed; his five children, Cynthia Reed (Marc) Lamphere, Miles (Wendy) Reed, Ethane (Donna) Reed, Jason (Susie) Reed, and Judd (Shirley) Reed; his sisters, Opal Reed Burton and Darlene Reed Stovall; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; four siblings, John Bennett, Richard, Elsie, and Riley; and one granddaughter, Janel.

A memorial has been established to the First United Methodist Church in Faith.

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

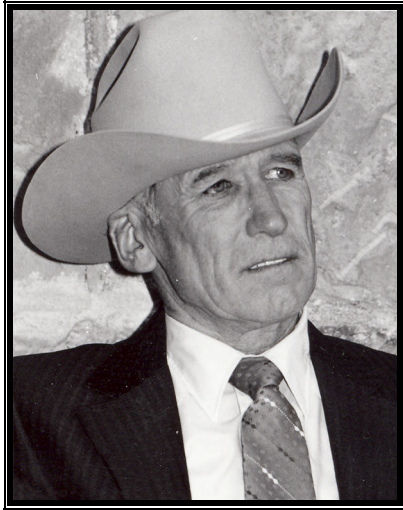


In Loving Memory Of

Jimmie Reed

1926 ~ 2012

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch
in the church hall following the interment service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.*

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Born

July 3, 1926
Faith, South Dakota

Died

September 16, 2012
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Musical Selections

"In The Garden" "On Eagle's Wings"
"The Old Rugged Cross"

Second Funeral Service

Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church, Faith, South Dakota

Musical Selections

"How Great Thou Art" "Amazing Grace"
"God Must Be A Cowboy"

Officiating

Pastor Gordon Higgins Pastor Paul Smith

Accompanist ~ Butch Samuelson

Guitarist ~ Steve Wilcox

Pallbearers

Aaron Reed ~ Joshua Reed ~ Jordan Reed
William Reed ~ David Chernus ~ Bradley Wood

Interment

Faith Cemetery