



## A Cowboy's Prayer (Written for Mother)

Oh Lord, I've never lived where churches grow.  
 I love 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 am placed so well,  
 That You have made my freedom so complete;  
 That I'm no slave of 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*

*Darlene Rena Hagan*

*February 25, 1933 ~ September 30, 2024*



Darlene Hagan was born February 25, 1933 at her parents homestead three miles west of Nowlin, SD to Merle and Borghild Jarman. She grew up and received her education at Nowlin School until 8th grade, and then attended Midland High school graduating in 1952.

Darlene married Clair (Dick) Hagan January 30, 1954 in Midland SD.

Darlene was married to Clair (Dick) Hagan. To this union they had a wonderful daughter Barbara (Hagan) Swane.

Darlene and Clair (Dick) moved to Tilford, SD in 1966 where she milked cows right alongside of her loving husband. After they quit milking cows Darlene ranched right alongside her husband for the rest of her life.

Darlene was a hard-working woman, spending many hours milking cows and then going to the field. She also enjoyed planting and working in the garden. Darlene loved her family and her animals. She would always be in the kitchen making food and desserts getting ready for brandings and working cows.

Darlene Hagan, 91, of Tilford SD, died at home Monday September 30, 2024.

Darlene is survived by her husband Clair (Dick) Hagan, daughter, Barbara (David) Swane; four grandkids Dean Szymanski, John (Krista) Szymanski, Jerry (Rachel) Swane, Kristin Swane; six great- grandkids Kaycee (Tyler) Zuschlag, Thirstine & Winter & Andre Lapointe, Brayden & Kinsley Swane.

Darlene was preceded in death by her father Merle, mom Borghild, her brother Dale and his wife Joyce Jarman, sister Jeannene Bach and daughter Janet Hagan.

A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. The internment will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery at 11:30. A luncheon will be held at the Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church following the burial.

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

*Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

## *In Loving Memory Of* ***Darlene Rena Hagan***

*Born*

**February 25, 1933**  
Nowlin, South Dakota

*Died*

**September 30, 2024**

### *Memorial Service*

**Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 10:30**  
**Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**Black Hawk, South Dakota**

### *Officiants*

**Pastor Randy Sturzenbecher**  
**Pastor Dennis Mercer**

### *Readings*

**Psalm 23**  
**Isaiah 65: 17-25**  
**John 10:11-18**

*Organist*  
**Janice Hein**

*Musical Selections*  
**"Amazing Grace"**  
**"Old Rugged Cross"**  
**"How Great Thou Art"**

### *Pallbearers*

**Jerry Swane**  
**John Szymanski**  
**Dean Szymanski**

**Mike Persche**  
**Richie Fuerst**  
**Tyler Zuschlag**

### *Final Resting Place*

**Black Hills National Cemetery**  
**Sturgis, South Dakota**