



Ralph Donald Beckwith

August 27, 1927 - July 8, 2014

Ralph Donald "Don" Beckwith Don Beckwith, 86, of Wellington, Colorado died on July 8, 2014 in Fort Collins. Don was born August 27, 1927 to Ralph and Anna Markwed Beckwith in Pierre, SD. He was the first born of 5 children. He started ranching/farming with his dad at a young age. Due to an injury to his dad, Don had to quit school to help out on the homestead. He continued ranching/farming after marrying Mary Joy Hauk. To this union they had 4 children, Linda Cutshall, Gary Anne, Rick Sally, Rod Marsha.

They moved to Fort Collins in 1966. After coming to Colorado, Don proudly went back to school and earned his GED. Don went to work for Poudre Valley Co-op, shortly after and continued to work there until he retired in 1992. He then drove truck for Jim Sinnard until he was 76 years old. In 2009, Don moved in with his son, Rod and daughter-in-law, Marsha. While living with them, he loved getting the family interaction as the grandkids were always around. He would smile and just watch as they would run by laughing and playing. In 2013 he moved into Good Samaritan nursing home. While in the nursing home he loved to play bingo and attend church functions as well as joining in on many other activities offered there. Don enjoyed many things throughout his life. Ranching and farming was a big part of his upbringing and a way of life he missed dearly. Trucking became his way of life and passion as he was able to stay in touch with many farmers. Fishing was a hobby he enjoyed since he was a small child. Hunting became an annual event with his sons and daughter-in-law. Rock hounding was an annual pass time he

enjoyed while exploring many parts of the country. Music and polka dancing became his passion after receiving dance lessons which has been passed on to the younger generations. He is survived by his children, Linda, Gary, Rick and Rod; his siblings, Mary Ann Stoner Leo, Margaret Crago, Jimmy, Ronnie Helen, eleven grandkids and twenty six great grandkids. He was preceded in death by both his parents, Ralph Beckwith, Anna Markwed Beckwith, brother-in-law, Vince Crago and two great grandsons, Austin Beckwith and Dakota Beckwith. A Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. A Funeral Service will also be held in Midland, South Dakota at Deep Creek Church on Saturday, 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Deep Creek Cemetery in Midland, South Dakota.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Thinking of you all. Been a tough couple of years. You know where I am. Love to all of you Steve & Beth

Steve & Beth Hixson - July 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Knew Don from the Moose, what a nice person. Our prayers and sympathy. Bert and Bill

Bill and Bert Rumley - July 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I knew Don several years ago through Leroy Sterkel at Poudre Valley Coop. Hadn't seen him for years, but he was a good guy. Sorry for your loss

Jan Meyer - July 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ We really never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their Love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. Take comfort in knowing the many life's that Don enriched with his love, laughter and lessons in living. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Craig & Kathy Kuhlman - July 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Don was an inspiration to me as we studied the Word of God when he was in Fort Collins. He fought for life and was so free to give a hug. Farewell my dear friend, till we meet again !

Nellie Medina - July 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Rod and Marsha sorry to hear of your loss. Trish and I will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Ron Schlatter - July 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Mitch&AnnetteBeck - July 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Rod and Marsha, sorry your dad has passed. Thinking of you, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Dennis and Jan Hulbert

Dennis Hulbert - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM