



Roger Clark

May 31, 2012 - October 10, 2012

Roger passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 10, 2012. Even though we are sad that his journey here on earth is over, we know that this world was not his destination and he is again singing and surrounded by family, friends and angels in heaven. Born into the loving home of Walson and Flo Clark on May 31, 1950 in Marshall, Arkansas. Roger was the second oldest of five children. Growing up time was spent between Kansas during the school year and Arkansas in the summers. Roger loved the buckaroo life style from a young age reading lots of books from authors like Will James, Charles M. Russell and many more on horses and cowboys. When his father joined the school district he also joined the R.A.F.T and he was able to get his first horse and as it can be said, that was all she wrote. His buckaroo life had officially begun. Roger met his future wife Kathy when they both worked at W.R. Grace & Company. Roger was a warehouse worker and Kathy was the secretary. As fate would have it they met and fell in love and were married on February 21, 1975 in Wichita, Kansas. They remained married and in love for 37 years. In February of 1976 they welcomed their first child, a daughter Christie and in March of 1979 a son, Russell who was named after Roger's favorite cowboy artist Charles M. Russell. In 1990 Roger and his family moved to Colorado where he lived out the rest of his exciting life. Roger was a beloved teacher, friend, mentor and good hand. He taught many to rope, ride, braid, work cattle and the importance of patience although not all have the patience that he did. Roger worked at R.E Hunn Leather Company in

Augusta, Kansas and when his family moved to Colorado Roger went to work for Mark Howes at Double H Saddle Shop in Fort Collins, Colorado. After many years at Double H Saddle Shop he became the co-founder of Box Bar Cross with his friend Carol Sabey. Roger's life inspired many to reach for that extra little bit inside them to be a little better. His journey here is over, however; the ripples of his life and thoughts will be felt for years to come. Faith, family, friends and horses shaped Rogers life. He will be missed by his wife, children, three grandchildren; mother, three brothers and one sister. Roger has gone home to see again his father, grandparents and nephew. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Roger Clark Memorial Fund in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

LT

“ *Peggy, I see you in your brother ... Lisa*

Lisa Tuenge - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *My condolences to Kathy and the rest of Roger's family. May you find comfort. I believe I met Roger at the Big Loop in '95 or '96. He carried himself with a quiet, contented, serene centeredness that I admired. I'll treasure the wonderful art work he did for my business cards, and know my life was blessed to have been touched by Roger.*

Delwyne Trefz - November 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *An inspiration to The kind of person anyone would want be. I don't know that Rodger ever wondered or worried about what other folks may have thought of him, he was exactly who he wanted to be. His craftsmanship was unparalleled. I never met anyone with humility that Rodger had. Rodger is and always will be missed. I look forward to another one of our visits Rodger.*

Rich Scott - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ *Roger will be missed but our memories of him will be cherished.
Greg, Cyndi, Mackenzie and Wil Gomersall*

Gomersall - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I didn't have the pleasure of meeting Roger but I can tell he was someone whose friendship would be treasured.

Joel Eliot - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ What an honor knowing Roger.I have known Roger for probabley 10 years, and in that time I cann't think of a time that I have not had admiration for Roger. But the coolest thing apart from his artwork, braiding, saddlery ,horsemanship, roping was before I came back to Australia Jo and I stopped to see Roger at Carrols and Russell was there building a saddle with Roger. I thought that was so cool that Roger was still sharing his knowledge and just hanging out with Russell. That was great to be apart of that moment in time. Hope I'm worthy enough to meet up with you in heaven.

Mike Doyle - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear family and friends of Roger Clark, The words that come to mind: "He slipped the surly bonds of Earth to touch the face of God." Horse people have a bond that ties us together. I first met Roger through my friend, Patti Grant Martin. I have come to know and respect and admire the Clark family and this group we call FORC. Honest, humble,kind, and "for the animal." Roger's fight has touched me deeply, and I want to let you all know that I personally will use his passing as motivation to help the research community find cures and treatments so that the "C" word is no longer heard with dread but just something to "get over." My prayers are with you all today. My the FORC be with us all. Jeanne

Jeanne McKnight - October 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ It is the sunlight on silver, and the crisp fall air, that caught my eye, today, as we let Roger go, and have his day of remembrance. A celebration of a life well lived, and a knowing that all of us are heading to the barn, too..All of us, those who attended, and those here in attendance in spirit, each have a memory, a piece to the puzzle that is Roger. Am holding mine to the light today, and what is reflected is love, and spirit, kindness, and kindredness. I will always see his braid, announcing his unique and wild heart..called to a Buckaroo life..and all who admire, or seek to understand it..know the truth. It is in their hearts, and reflected in the sunlight on silver..Roger joins Juan Medina. *Todavía estoy Aquí. I am still here. A shimmer in the half light. Love to all, on this day of remembrance, and celebration of life.... P.*

Patti Grant Martin - October 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Patti Grant Martin - October 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Our love and thoughts are with all of you. Roger had a profound impact on many, including us. Love, Karen and Wal

Karen and Wal Ross - October 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ All of us are very sad for the loss of marks brother,I never got to meet roger but the stories that mark an rachel have shared with us he was really a very special person,we will keep all of your family in our prayers

bill whittaker/mary zellner - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Roger brought integrity and joy to everything he touched and the people he spent time with We are all better for having spent time with him and his legacy lives on in his family members.I hope we are lucky enough to spend time with them as well.Miss you already Roger and Thanks for all the great times

Craig and Tracy Carr - October 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My thoughts and part of my heart will be with you October 20 as family & friends gather to celebrate the life of Roger Clark - one very special person. I will always reflect on his meaningful & positive approach to life.

Jane Merrill - October 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Kathy and family, Although I haven't seen Roger except by Facebook for many years, I know that when he married "my little sister" he vowed to love and cherish her and I can see by things that have been shared, that he did just that and more so. My thoughts and prayers go out to you in this difficult time.

Becky Findley - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Kathy, Christie and Russell, You all our in my prayers. I know you will miss Roger more than anyone can imagine. But look at this FORC. Not only family & friends will miss him, but people that only knew him through the FORC will miss him. He touched so many people's lives. He was truly BLESSED and he used to the best of his ability, the gifts that God gave him. Love you guys! God Bless You!

Lora Sanchez - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ GOD BLESSED ROGER IN MANY WAYS AND ROGER BLESSED US IN MANY WAYS. YALL ARE IN MY PRAYERS

sammy hamblen - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ My Sincere condolences on your loss of Roger. I knew Roger from Mark's saddle shop. Roger was always kind, always said "hello" and very knowledgeable about saddles. He will be greatly missed. May the Lord hold him close until we too see his face.

Allen D Landes DVM - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Kathy & family, we were sadden to hear of Roger's passing but know he's in a far better place. He touched so many lives & we were blest & honored to call him friend. He will be missed by all who knew him. He lives on in your hearts & what a wonderful legacy he leaves behind. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. May God give you strength & comfort. We love you.

Ken & Sandy Ward - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Roger: We've lost a true master. We will all miss you. You'll be riding all the good 'uns. Rest easy. Pat

Post Sullivan - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Condolences to the family, Rest in Peace Mr. Clark.

Mike Hooper - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ From my kitchen table I can see your captivating artwork on my wall, and it makes me smile. I wish I had known you better--your creativity, kindness and humbleness were a joy to be around.

Carol Robinson - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ may your future always hold the the best of the past...Roger will be missed..

Shannon Wrango - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Kathy, Christie and Russell, We were so sorry to hear of Roger's passing. We are praying for all of you. Love, Bob and Marilyn Rowland

Marilyn Rowland - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ Now and in the future the mention of his name will bring a smile to those who knew him. What an incredible legacy.

Vickie Mullen - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Roger judged our Roaring Fork Ranch Roping since it's inception. He was great in helping others to improve their skills and he always offered advice with a kind and gentle manner. His sense of humor, his kindness to animal and human alike were to be admired. He inspired us all, in everything he did, from horsemanship, to roping, to art and leatherwork but mostly all for the man he was and for his love of family. You will be missed Roger.

Ginny Harrington - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Thinking of you and your family. Janie

Janie Arndt - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IH

“ A light of kindness, gentleness and love has left us. Roger was a special person, his character, integrity and honor leaves a large imprint on all our soul who knew him. Our prayers will go with to our Father in Heaven.

Irma Harness - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ To Kathy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. From what I've read about Roger he's someone I wished I could of met. May he rest in peace and ride the most wonderful horse in heaven because we horse people know that there are horses in heaven. Only a loving God would make sure they are waiting for us when we arrive at the gates of heaven. My prayers are with you Kathy and your family.
Sincerely Aurore Carriere

Aurore Carriere - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ After reading Roger's obituary, I am certain it would have been a privilege to have known such a great man! I do remember Roger's big cowboy smile the day he picked you up from work. Please know you will be uplifted to our Lord and Savior for daily comfort during this time of mourning. Love, Tammy

Tammy McEntee - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Gentleman and Top hand!!! Via con dios.

Ken Simianer - October 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ I'm so sorry for y'all's loss. Sorry I couldn't be there in person. I love all of you very much.

Tesha Nicholson - October 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ We are honored to call you friend. You will be deeply missed. Lots of Love to Kathy Russell and Christie

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GG

“ Ride with the angels, my friend!

Gary & Nancy Gadsby - October 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Roger was my friend. I'll always think about how "he would have done it" and wonder if the way I did it would have been O.K. with Roger. I'll miss him.

Jim Oatman - October 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Having went to Church together, I always looked up to Roger. He was a fine example of a good Christian man. I was blessed to have known him. My Condolences to the Clark Family. May the Peace of God be with you in the days ahead.

Becky Slater - October 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Ride fast and swift, cowboy

Sheri Balzer - October 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM