

James was born on July 21, 1936 in Medora, ND the son of Robert and Mae (Brown) Wyckoff. James attended the Nelson school and Sentinel Butte school, graduating from the eighth grade. James grew up in Medora and on the family farm east of Sentinel Butte; where he resided until 2016, upon entering St. Benedict's Heath Center. James always had a love for horses, he bought his horse Trigger from Jim Tescher for \$33, the Tescher family lived across the road from the Wyckoff's and Jim would race Trigger against the Tescher boys horses often winning. James enjoyed breaking horses and worked for 'Badlands Bill' McCarty, a colorful and rugged horse-trading cowboy along with horse buyer Steve Chase. It was through this connection that he met his cowgirl bride Marjorie Burman. James and Marjorie were married September 28, 1963 in Glendive, MT. To this union, Tom and Dean were born. James started working for the Northern Pacific Railroad, later Burlington Northern-Santa Fe, at age 16 and retired in 1990. James and Marjorie lived in Medora for a short time and then moved to the family farm east of Sentinel Butte where they also raised cattle and horses. Upon retirement, James continued his love for horses by buying a Belgian team "Oliver" and "Leroy" from Ralph Roshau. James enjoyed sharing "Oliver" and "Leroy" with others and they could be seen in parades in Beach and for many years giving wagon rides during the Cowboy Christmas in Medora. James served on the board of the Sentinel Butte Cemetery Association for several years. On the night prior to passing, James watched the final round of the 2019 National Finals Rodeo. James enjoyed his time with friends, spending time at the Ponderosa, coffee at Flying J and later Olson's service at Sentinel Butte. James especially enjoyed time spent with his family and visiting with his nieces and nephews. Hunting season was a favorite time for him with having family and friends stop by to visit. His pride and joy was the arrival of his grandson Gabe and granddaughter Kaitlynn. He looked forward to their visits and going hunting with Gabe and playing dice with Kaitlynn. James was so proud of his family and is survived by his loving wife of fifty-six years, Marjorie; his two sons, Tom (Lynn), Dickinson and Dean (Lisa), Medora; his two grandchildren Gabe Wyckoff and Kaitlynn Wyckoff. He is also survived by his sister, Ruby Miller of Creswell, Oregon and his sisters-in-law Phyllis Wyckoff and Loretta Wyckoff of Beach, as well as several nieces and nephews. James was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Mae Wyckoff, and his four brothers, Don, Kenneth, Lyle and Dale. The family is grateful for those that visited James at Saint Benedict's and the loving and compassionate care that he received from the staff. He so enjoyed the staff at Saint Benedict's, he would visit with them and got to know them personally by first name and even assigned nick names.



James Wyckoff

July 21, 1936 - November 10, 2020

The Last Ride

My beautiful creatures
My friends and my love,
Such majesty and grace,
Sent from Above.

You filled all my days,
With Passion and Pride,
I longed for the days,
You allowed me to ride.

Your beautiful mane,
Clasped tight in my hands,
As we ride over fields,
To a brave new land.

Take me with you,
Gallant steed of mine,
Let us ride together,
Til the end of time.

Stay with me alway,
Never leave my side,
Let us travel together,
For this, my last ride.



James Wyckoff

FUNERAL SERVICE:

Saturday, January 18, 2020 10:00 a.m.
Medora Community Center
Medora, North Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

Friday, January 17, 2020 6:00 P.M.
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Bernie Krebs

READER:

Marlys Updike

PALLBEARERS:

Gabe Wyckoff	Kaitlynn Wyckoff
Bob Wyckoff	Terry Wyckoff
Jennifer Wyckoff	Jim Muckle
Brian Updike	Eric Updike

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

Kerm Rink

All of James' current and past friends,
Nieces and Nephews

INTERMENT:

Sentinel Butte Cemetery
Sentinel Butte, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at the community
center following the graveside service.
Everyone is welcome.*

