



James "Jim" F. Tescher

August 15, 1929 - January 3, 2004

James (Jim) F. Tescher, age 74, a rancher from Beach, North Dakota, passed away on Saturday, December 27, 2003 at a Mandan, North Dakota medical facility, with his loving family at his side. A Vigil service will be held at 7:00 P.M., Friday, January 2, 2004 at St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, January 3, 2004 at St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. Rite of Committal will be in the Medora Cemetery. Jim was born August 15, 1929 in Beach, North Dakota to Math C. and Antionette Gass Tescher. He grew up on a farm 6 1/2 miles north east of Sentinel Butte, North Dakota. He received his education at various country schools in the surrounding area. At the age of 17 he went to work at the South St. Paul Stockyards for two years and from there to the Walt Neuens ranch near Medora, North Dakota. He married his 1946 Prom date, Loretta Brown, in a double wedding ceremony on June 13, 1950, along with Lloyd Brown to Rosemarie Tescher in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota. In November of 1952 they bought the old Cliff Wagner ranch from Henry Townley in northern Billings County. Jim's rodeo career started in his early teens and he joined the RCA in 1948. He won most of the major rodeos including; Madison Square Gardens to Pendleton, Calgary to Fort Worth to Miami. In 1959 and 1963 he won the Saddle Bronc riding at the National Finals and qualified for the steer wrestling in 1959 also. He was runner up in the Saddle Bronc Championship of the World in 1964 and 3rd in the All-Around. In 1965 he only competed in 13 rodeos and placed at all of them,

which qualified him for the National Finals. He qualified on every horse and threw every steer in the four times he competed at the National Finals. In 1975, in his last year of rodeo competition, Jim entered seven rodeos and placed at all of them. Jim was among the 1st group of inductees into the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1998. Jim enjoyed hard work, but also enjoyed having fun which included fishing, card playing, softball, storytelling and tickling the grandkids on the living room carpet. Jim was an avid Minnesota Twins fan. He enjoyed raising good horses and good cattle and insisted things be done the right way. Jim was 1988 North Dakota Commercial Charolais producer of the year and in 1989 he was the American-International Commercial Charolais producer of the year. Jim served as vice president for two terms for the Rodeo Cowboy Association. He was a trustee at St. Michael's Church in Sentinel Butte, Currently a member of St. John's The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach, chairman of the Billings County weed board and 36 year member of the North Dakota Stockman's Association. One of his special interests was devoting his time, talent and treasure to Home On The Range. He was also a member of the North Dakota Hall of Fame and a gold card holder for the PRCA. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Math C. Tescher and Antionette Tescher; brothers, Pete, Toney, Donnie and Mathias (Jim passed away the same day as his younger brother Donnie 51 years earlier to the day); sisters, Antionette, Rosemarie and Rosalie and a grandson, Chip Stockwell. Jim is survived by his wife of 53 years, Loretta Brown Tescher of Beach, North Dakota; they have five children, Gary (Ardis) Tescher of Sidney, Montana, Cindi Stockwell (special friend Bob) of Plummer, Minnesota, Barry (Rita) Tescher of Minot, North Dakota, Troy (Joanne) Tescher of Beach, North Dakota and Bonnie Froehlich (special friend Shane) of Williston, North Dakota. There are 15 grandchildren, Beau and Ty Tescher; Chad, Chelsea and Chase Stockwell; ShayAnne, Laramie, Kolton Hunter and Kaleb Tescher; Jessica, Christa and Jordan Tescher, and Jeremy and Wyatt Froehlich; and one great grandchild, Tyler Puhl; surviving brothers and sisters include, Marie Maus of Beach, North Dakota, Cel Rutledge of Sun City,

Arizona, Alvin Tescher of Beach, North Dakota, Tom Tescher of Medora, North Dakota, Joan Kittelson of Beach, North Dakota, Dona Lowman of Fairfield, North Dakota and Alice Meginnes of Tucson, Arizona and numerous nieces and nephews. Most important to Dad was his family and his faith. He will be remembered as being a people person and for his golden smile. We love you; Jim, Dad, and Grandpa.

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" F. Tescher*

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