



Steve Knudson

September 5, 1950 - October 20, 2004

Steven Robert "Beef" Knudson, age 54, of Glendive, passed away on Friday, October 15, 2004 at his home peacefully during his afternoon nap. Steve was born on September 5th, 1950 in Wolf Point, Montana, the son of Robert and Lillian (Boje) Knudson. He was raised on a farm Northwest of Richey and attended grade school in Richey and Circle. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church. He graduated from Circle High School in 1968, where he acquired the name Beef. Murray Vester and Steve played truck drivers in a school play, Steve's character was named Beef and he improvised the smashing of a cigar in Murray's face. The name has been with him since. He attended college in Bozeman and Billings and then moved to Glendive where he worked at Alken Motors. He sold cars for many years before becoming a real estate broker. You can take the boy out of the country but not the country out of the boy so he tried his hand in other fields over the years trying to return to his true love of farming and ranching. He was currently working as an insurance adjustor. He was often heard to say that when he grew up he wanted to be a cowboy. When asked when he was planning on growing up, he replied he wasn't in a hurry. In life you can get busy living or you can get busy dying, Beef got busy living, he wasn't here for a long time but he had a good time. He married Debra Schaffel in 1975 and had a son, Eric Robert. Steve and Debra separated when Eric was young but he remained very active in raising his son. He was an excellent father and taught his son many of life's important lessons; from passing on his love for cooking to always holding

doors open to remembering to tip waitresses and bartenders. Eric never had to ask for anything because his father was always giving more than he needed. Steve was preceded in death by his father, Robert. Survivors include his son, Eric of Glendive; his mother Lillian of Richey; his sister, Clarice and Danny Beery of Richey; his brother Curt and Melissa Knudson of Glendive; his nephews, Rondel and Lanette Beery and children David and Danielle of Richey, Jess and Angie Beery and children Brett, Bryce and Alysia of Circle, Chad Knudson of Bismarck, ND, and Kane Knudson of Glendive; and his niece, Ashley Knudson of Bismarck, ND; also the light of his life, his girlfriend April Gustafson of Glendive. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 A.M., Wednesday, October 20th, 2004 at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive, MT, with Pastor Avis Anderson and Clarice Beery, L.P.A. officiating. Lunch will be served by the Ladies of Zion following services. Rite of Committal will be held at 2:00 P.M. in the Prairie Lawn Cemetary Northwest of Richey. Supper will served at the home of Danny and Clarice Beery following committal. Dad, I loved you more than I was ever able to show, and I'm sorry for times where it may have seemed otherwise. I will cherish the time we had on this Earth together and the only thing that makes me understand why you were taken from me so early is that you are finally able to live your cowboy dream forever. We'll ride together someday.

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