

Mark Steven Funk

1955 – 2005

WORLAND - A memorial service for Worland resident Mark Steven Funk, 50, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Church of Christ in Worland by Pastor Mike Brush.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Bryant Funeral Home of Worland.

He died Dec. 28, 2005, in Billings, Mont., following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born April 2, 1955, in Manonoa, Iowa, he was the son of Darlene Mae (De Sotel) and Merle Marvin John Funk; attended grade school there; and enjoyed Little League baseball, fishing, and boating on the Mississippi River with his Grandpa De Sotel.

The family moved to Ten Sleep in 1967. He liked hunting, fishing, horses, sports, F.F.A., and working on neighboring ranches; and was an outstanding horseman. After graduating from high school, he attended Northwest College in Powell. He was on the NWC livestock judging team and rodeo club; was a saddle-bronc rider; and worked on the Alberta Bair Ranch in Montana.

He then settled in Ten Sleep and was employed on ranches, riding and breaking horses for Glenn Maller; and worked the Ten Sleep night rodeo. For nine years, he worked with Johnny Greet; and, also, was employed at the Worland Feedlot and Ken Weeks Fertilizer Co.

In the 1980s, he went to work for Holly Sugar and remained for 20 years. He served as union vice president and was a member of the safety sanitation committee.

On Nov. 30, 2002, he married Linda, who he called "the person he had been looking for all of his life." They enjoyed their family, friends, and the Big Horn Mountains.

He enjoyed auctioneering; guiding; leatherwork; horseshoeing; announcing rodeos in the Big Horn Basin; and volunteering in the Big Brother/Big Sister Program. An emergency medical technician and training officer with the Ten Sleep Volunteer Ambulance Service, he also trained horses and his team of mules, Homer and Jethro.

He was involved with the annual Pioneer Expo and Festival Days Dutch Oven Camp Cook-off held in Basin and loved cooking "Dutch-oven style" with and for family and friends. A history buff, storyteller and joke-teller, he was known for his kindness, generosity, and love for his family and friends.

Survivors include his beloved wife; his mother; sister, Merideth Sears, and her husband; brother, Mathew Funk; six children, Sam and Max Funk and Sid Muller, Jody Julson, Barney Schneider and Terry Miller and their spouses; two nephews; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

Memorials may be made to the Pioneer Expo and Festival Dutch Oven Cook-off, in care of Bryant Funeral Home, P.O. Box 524, Worland, WY 82401.