

THIS RODEO IS LOVINGLY DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF DR. MICHAEL H. RUBY



Mike Harold Ruby was born April 24, 1948 to Willis Grant Ruby and Ramona Gee Hanna in Stapleton, Nebraska. He passed away on September 28, 2021 at South Pass, Wyoming.

He married Kathy Spriggs in 1971 and pursued his college education by attending Chadron College, Casper College, University of Wyoming and earned his doctorate of veterinary medicine degree from Washington State University in 1974. In 1975 he

opened his veterinary practice in Lander and continued practicing throughout Fremont County up until shortly before his death.

From the very beginning, ranching was always his focus. Growing up, Mike spent his time helping local ranchers brand, ship and day work. He partnered with his father to buy land on South Pass and then bought his own farm in Kinnear in 1982. He continually worked to acquire more land and cattle. Extra jobs included racetrack vet, college professor and horse shoer.

He thoroughly enjoyed socializing with friends and attending rodeos where all his family members competed. His nine grandkids were the highlight of his life and he tried to make every one of their events. Other hobbies and interests included pack trips, fishing, hunting and farm auctions. Mike was a friend to many, always willing to work hard, lend a hand and have a good time.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents Bill and Ramona Ruby, stepmother Lois Ruby and sister Debbie Anesi. He is survived by his wife Kathy, children Brenda (Tyson) Sims, Chris (Shane) Eberline and Mike (Jess) Ruby, grandkids Makayla, Kenzley, Holden, Cameron, Aidan, Savannah, Aislynn, Eion and Eli; brother in law Doug Anesi and nephews Travis (Lacy) Anesi and Preston Anesi.

Mike was a founding member of the Lander Old Timer's Rodeo Association, serving as president for many years, and whose vision and hard work allowed for the construction of the indoor arena, one of the first of its time, which sets east of this arena. This Association produces the annual Pioneer Days Rodeo you are attending tonight. Many family members are here tonight helping and entered in the rodeo, and thus, the circle continues.

Thank you for your many contributions, you are forever in our hearts and we take comfort in knowing you are watching us from the best seat in the house.

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