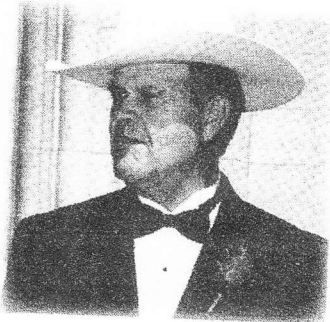


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DARRELL W. ANDERSON



Darrell W. Anderson, 67, of Chalk Bluff, passed away Monday, July 16th at a local hospital. Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, July 20th at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial followed at Moore Cemetery in Chalk Bluff.

Darrell Anderson was born in Viborg, SD on April 27, 1945. He spent his early years growing up as a fun-loving, adventurous and mischievous kid. Upon graduation from Hurley, SD high school, he joined the United States Air Force where he trained as an airframe and powerplant technician. He was deployed to Thailand at the onset of the Vietnamese conflict. He was proud and honored to serve as a ground recovery crew member on the first B-52's to fly combat missions over Vietnam. He was equally proud when he was later promoted to crew chief of a KC-135.

Darrell was honorably discharged from the USAF and stayed in Spokane, WA where he met Diane Pfau, the love of his life for the next 45 years. Darrell and Diane were married on May 20, 1967 and raised three children together. After his time in the USAF, he began working for K-Mart Corporation as a part of their newly established management trainee program. His hard work paid off when, in 1983, he was the youngest person at that time to be promoted to K-Mart store manager. He spent 16 years traveling with K-Mart until he moved to Waco with his family. Together, they started an Arabian horse farm with his twin brother D.L. "Andy" Anderson and his wife Darlene. While in Waco, Darrell worked for Owens-Illinois glass plant, Central Freight Lines and McLennan County.

Darrell was an avid horseman who was self-taught in horse training principles and techniques. By the late 70's and early 80's he was training and showing Arabian horses in Western pleasure. However, in the 90's, he decided Western pleasure was too boring so he made the move to cutting horses. He was an accomplished cutting horse trainer and rider winning many competitions. Simply put, he was a natural at almost everything he did. There was nothing he couldn't learn do if he put his

mind to it. His basis for training horses was the same as it was for dealing with people: "Treat them with respect, and they will respect you in return".

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents Berchel and Marie Anderson and his father-in-law, Henry Pfau. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Diane Anderson, his daughter Dodie Anderson-Barden and husband Jack, his son Damon Anderson and his wife Amy, his son Kim Davis, his grandson Jack Warren James Barden and his granddaughter Emily Alyce Anderson. He is also survived by three brothers James Anderson, Duane Anderson and Ernie Anderson and his sister Kay Strand.

Darrell was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in December of 2011. The LORD gave him 7 more months to enjoy Christmas, Easter, his 67th birthday, his 45th wedding anniversary, and one last father's day with his family.