



## Ronald Mathiason

December 23, 1937 - March 6, 2009

MORRILL, NE....Funeral services for RONALD MACK MATHIASON, 71, will be held Wednesday March 11, 2009 at 10am at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Morrill, NE with the Reverend Paul J. Cain officiating. Burial will follow the service at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Viewing hours are from 3-7pm on Tuesday at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel in Torrington, WY. Ronald passed away on March 6, 2009 at Regional West Medical Center in Scotts Bluff Nebraska. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send their condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com) Ronald was born December 23, 1937 to Palmer Norman and Lois Catherine(Coyle) Mathiason in Webster, South Dakota. The family settled in Butler, a farming community of northeastern South Dakota. Ron grew up an avid bird hunter and dog lover, spending much of his free time with his dogs. He met his bride of 49 years, Cheryl Diane Flattum while rescuing her from a runaway horse. Their love affair of one another and horses began. This courtship was a meeting of like minds: riding together the distance between their homes on horseback on many a warm summer afternoon. Before their marriage to one another on December 5, 1959, Ron enlisted in the army as a medic. Two children were born to this union- daughter Candace Kay and son Russel John. Ron and Cheryl moved their family to Torrington, Wyoming in 1967 where Ron was "The Culligan Man" for several years. The couple were still nuts over horses and the country life so they purchased a small acreage west of Torrington. Here they

raised their family and were part of a community of friends. There were BBQ's and ice cream turnings, midnight horseback rides, and many a late star-filled night team-roping with this chosen family. Ron and Cherry, in continuing their pursuit of land, purchased a larger acreage just across the Wyoming border outside Henry, Nebraska. Here they were able to start their own registered Angus herd. Ron went to school to learn how to artificially inseminate his own cows and worked the land to raise their own feed for their growing herd. Together he and Cherry grew and improved their herd; taking several trophies for top heifer-bulls and yearling heifers. Ron enjoyed the sounds of the meadowlark, the sight of their cattle dotting the pastures, and the sun on his face.

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ Dear Cheryl and family,  
I just today received an email from Kathy and she told us of Ron's death. We are so sorry. Please accept our deepest sympathy and know our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. We are so glad we got to see you both in Rapid City several years ago. Roger often talks of Ronnie and their experiences together while in the service. Take care.  
Sincere Sympathy, Roger & Dorothy McKittrick

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**Roger & Dorothy McKittrick** - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Cherry, I am so sorry to read of Ronnies death. I feel just so saddened readding it in Mom's paper today. Both you and Ronnie struck Dianne and I in our hearts years ago when we bought Yogi and again when you directed us to the owners we bought Sugar from. Then the most touching for me was when I lost Windy and both of you were not feeling well but invited me in to love up on your puppies. I have spoken of you both so much over the years. Always such a honor to say I know you. I am sad for you as I know you two did so much together. Please know you are in my prayers and thoughts.  
Hugs,  
Lo  
Dianne also sends you her best from Omaha and related her memories of our times with you both teaching her how to show Yogi better.

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**Lo Harris** - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord fill you with His peace and comfort during this difficult time.

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**Laurie Mills** - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Cheryl, Kandi, Russ and families,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. I remember seeing you all at the grocery store in Henry and remembering the smile and laughter of Ron is fond for me. You are all in my prayers.

Ronda

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**Ronda Rathbun Smith** - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ The world needs more people like Ron, he was a great person. I got a chance to talk to him last year when I was back in town. My prayers are with all of you.

Mike

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**Mike Schaneman** - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I was so very sorry to hear about your loss. It is ever so hard to say good-bye to someone you love and cherish, and I sympathize with the grief you are going through. You are all in my heart and prayers!

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**Carol Grow** - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ thinking of you and wish we could be there. Love the Wilson girls, Dean, Amy, Sherri, Cindy

Dean (Wilson)Perry - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Cherry and family: My prayers are with you and your family during this time. I have very special memories of having you as neighbors growing up in Henry. God Bless!

Vonnie (Anderson) Wackel - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ sorry for your loss of your father and husband

kevin brown - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Dear Cherry, Candy, Rusty and families,  
I am so very sorry for all of you in the loss of Ron. You are all part of many pleasant "growing up" memories. Ron was always so kind to me. We are all so very lucky to be able to hold those memories close to our hearts. He was a good man, obviously, he raised a wonderful family. I know what a difficult time this is for all of you. Please know how many people consider you all friends and there is not anything we wouldn't do for you. Hang in there--it really will get easier, I promise, although it does not seem like it right now. I am sorry I cannot attend Ron's service. It would be nice to see all of you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Annie

Andrea Sittner Griffin - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy in your recent loss. Sam would bring his pet dogs to you for grooming and he spoke of you often. He remembered your husband from his truck driving days. We are never ready to say "goodbye" and there will be difficult days ahead but we hope it gives you comfort to know others share in your loss.  
Sam & Irene

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**Sam & Irene Kraus** - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ We're so sorry for your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Deb, Jim & Neva.

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**Deb Thompson** - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ We are thinking of you at this time and have sent a special card your way. It is really great that so many of your family are able to be with you.  
Accept our sincere sympathy,  
Kermit, Vera and all

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**Kermit and Vera Parks** - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ My sincere Sympathy, Chery, on the passing of Ron., my prayers are with you at this time.

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**Betty Parks, Aslesen** - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I would like to express my sympathy to the family of Ron. I did not know him but I know his brother Al and his family very well and I was saddened to hear the news. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Stay Strong!

*Jamie Bjerke*

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**Jamie Bjerke** - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you today as you grieve in the loss of your loving husband, father and brother. May God comfort you during this painful time in your lives by giving you strength, peace and the warmth of the memories you share of your loved one as you celebrate his life.

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**Mike and Teresa Dornbusch** - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM