



John "Jack" O'Brien

December 31, 1939 - May 12, 2014

John S. "Jack" O'Brien was born December 31, 1939, and departed this life May 12, 2014, at the age of 74.

Jack was born in Pierre, South Dakota, the son of Samuel and Elsie (Kellogg) O'Brien. He grew up in the Valentine, Nebraska area, graduating from Valentine High School in 1958.

Jack continued his education at Wayne State College, receiving his teaching degree in physical education and industrial arts. He played football for the Wayne State Wildcats, being named all-conference offensive tackle for what was then called The Nebraska College Conference.

Jack taught and coached in Nebraska, Colorado, and Arizona. The highlight of these years was coaching his Willcox, Arizona football team in the Arizona High School championship game.

His career choice left his summers free to pursue his passion for rodeo; competing in steer wrestling. He was a PRCA Gold Card member. In later years, Jack's chosen event was cutting. He truly enjoyed riding a good horse, watching a good horse work, and making many good friends.

Jack married Connie Hodgson, September 22, 1984, on Connie's grandfather's ranch near Livermore, Colorado. In 1993 Jack moved back to his Nebraska Sandhills with his wife Connie. They purchased their present home in Gandy. Here they have made many friends who have

become
like family.

At the time of his death, Jack was doing what he enjoyed - traveling around the country employed as a truck driver.

Jack treasured time spent with family and friends, reliving old memories and making new memories.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents.

Surviving him are his wife Connie; sister Helen (Bob) Farrell of Green Valley, Arizona; in-laws Lee and Bev Hodgson of Platteville, Colorado; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A LIFE WELL LIVED!

Services will be Monday, May 19, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Stapleton with A.B. Cox officiating.

Interment will be in the Loup Valley Cemetery, west of Stapleton.

Memorials are suggested to the Jack O'Brien Memorial Fund.

Arnold Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Loup Valley Cemetery

West of Stapleton, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" O'Brien*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Sending an outpouring of love to all of our family, especially Connie; Helen and Bob Farrell; Lisa, Mary, Brad, and Paula Brashear; Anne and Michael Pandola; Robin and Gary Hampton (along with Stephanie and James); and everyone else! We regret that we will be unable to attend and honor his memory in person, but our hearts and thoughts are with you all.*

Katie and Jeff Koch

Katie Koch - May 16, 2014 at 11:31 AM