

**05/04/2013 - Donald (Donnie) Dale Robinson**

Funeral services for Donald (Donnie) Dale Robinson, age 72 of Crawford, NE, will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 4, 2013, at Chamberlain Chapel in Chadron.

A memorial has been established. Donations may be sent to Chamberlain Chapel, PO Box 970, Chadron, NE 69337.

Online condolences can be made at [www.chamberlainchapel.com](http://www.chamberlainchapel.com)

He passed away on Thursday April 25, 2013 at the Ponderosa Villa in Crawford.

Donald Dale Robinson was born in Burwell, Nebraska to Douglas Delbert and Cora Annabell Robinson on May 25, 1940. He went to high school at Thermopolis, Wyoming. He worked as a rancher from a young age until the time he and a buddy enlisted in the Army in approximately 1957. Upon completing his initial enlistment he returned to Wyoming and was working on the LU Ranch when he met and married Vickie Janelle Victory on August 8, 1961. He was recalled into the Army and trained as a demolition expert during the Berlin and Cuban Crisis and his assignment was in Germany for three years during which time he worked both as a mechanic and cook. Upon his returning to the United States he resumed his rodeo days enjoying bronc riding. It was during a rodeo in Thermopolis, WY, when Vickie went into labor with their first child. His turn to ride had come up when the announcer said "that this cowboy is the proud papa of a bouncing baby boy" causing Donnie to fall off the horse. Don and Vickie drove Semi-truck over-the-road for many years until his health began to fail him in 1995 forcing him to retire. He had a passion for country dancing and music. When Don was not tending his garden he was at the lake fishing He enjoyed helping people and cooking big meals for family and friends. Donnie had many friends in the Crawford area who would always see him in his yard and garden tending to his flowers, which he loved. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to his special friend and caregiver Kay Jacobs and her daughter Hanna. His much loved four-legged friend Molly is going to miss him dearly.

Immediate survivors include:

Son: Charles Douglas Robinson of Las Vegas, NV;

Grandchildren: Rebecca Rene Morefield, of Eaton, CO, Dakota Douglas and Sandra Sheyenne Robinson of Cherokee, OK;

Sisters: Joyce Willis, of CO and Doris Wegner and husband Lenny, of Wyoming;

Sister-in-law: Teresa Malmkar of Ogallala, NE;

Brothers-in-law: John (Linda) Victory of Ogallala, NE, Ray Roberts of Brule, NE;

Many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by wife, Vickie Janelle Robinson; daughter, Tina Robinson; parents, Douglas Delbert Robinson and Cora Annabell Legocki; step-father Mike Legocki; brothers Gary and Marvin Robinson; sister, Madora (Fay) Hood; and brother-in-law Bob Malmkar.

Chamberlain Chapel of Chadron is in charge of arrangements.