

**Milton S.
Rosseland**



Milton Rosseland passed away at his home west of Circle on April 22, 2016, at the age of 73. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Kristian Rosseland, he was born in Glendive, Montana on August 13, 1942. Raised on a farm in the Weldon valley west of Circle, he was his father's right hand from a young age. He attended the Cutting School, built by his grandfather Harold Cutting, from first through eighth grade, and completed high school in Circle. The eyes of the Circle football coach lit up when Milton walked across the stage at eighth grade graduation. His phenomenal physical potential, inherited from his Norwegian ancestors, was easily apparent. He was 6'1" and 200 lbs. He became a four-year all-star fullback for the Circle Wildcats and was virtually unstoppable on the field. Butch Logan would hand him the ball, and he would take it through the line. He went on to play for two years for the Montana State College (now MSU) Bobcats, where his teammates christened him "Thud." There would be a "thud" when he hit someone, and then a "thud" when they hit the ground. Even so, he made many lifelong friends through playing ball.

After college, Milton served his country in the US Army, attending advanced diesel maintenance school at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. While there, he was badly injured in a car accident, and as a result, his orders for Vietnam were medically cancelled. Instead he served in France and Germany. Upon returning home, he resumed farming with his father. One of his first projects included building a rock-walled barn in Norwegian style with his father. Milton had a God-given ability and love for moving dirt. When he was a sophomore in high school, he borrowed money from the bank for his first tractor and scraper and immediately began doing custom dirt work for the neighbors.

At the Mid-Rivers Christmas dance at the Travelers Inn, he met Wanda Whitmer, the love of his life. On June 12, 1970, they married and settled on Horse Creek, where they were blessed with three wonderful children, Kristi, Jeannie and Ross. Starting with a small farm, they expanded and upgraded their operation over the years. With Wanda

working at his side, they constructed dikes, pits, and dams which came to be marveled at by his peers.

Milton treasured his Norwegian family and maintained ties with Norway throughout his life, often hosting aunts, uncles, and cousins in Circle, and visiting Norway with his own family. He was very proud of his children and their scholastic and athletic achievements. When his granddaughters, Skyla and Shania Neubauer, won the state Class A volleyball championship in 2014, he was the proudest grandfather in the stands.

From his youth, Milton provided venison for his family's table and was an excellent marksman. He learned the game of pinochle on his father's knee and never lost his love for bidding up the opponent, whether it was his wife, child, grandchild, friend, or foe. He didn't miss an auction sale and delighted in finding a bargain. He loved to take his GTO, and later his motorcycle, out for a very fast drive. He was never without a dog. His last thought was of caring for and protecting his wife and family. He will be greatly missed.

Milton was preceded in death by his infant sons, Milton and David, his father, Kristian Rosseland, and his sister Bonnie Rosseland.

Milton is survived by his wife, Wanda, his children, Kristi (Sishir) Sekaran, Jeannie (Kenneth Hamilton) Rosseland and Ross (Jodi Reza) Rosseland, grandchildren Scott (Jessica) Campbell, Skyla Neubauer, Shania Neubauer, and Samantha Sekaran.

Memorials may be sent to the Circle Booster Club, Circle High School.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Circle. Interment will follow in the Riverview Cemetery in Circle with full military honors.

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