



In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

Visitation

Sunday, May 18, 2025 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home
Miles City, Montana

Funeral Service

Monday, May 19, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home
Miles City, Montana

Officiating

Ty Linger

Music

Tom & Amy Minow

Pallbearers

Dale Copelan, Levi Gordon, Ray Pepin,
Josh Graff, Kerry Kraus & Norm Bellows

Interment

Will follow in the family lot of the
Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

Following the funeral service, a luncheon will be
held at the Parlor, 1806 Main Street.
Everyone is invited.

Hope Strength

Arrangements By
Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home



In Loving Memory Of
BRIAN ALLEN RUSSIFF

November 22, 1963 - May 8, 2025

Brian Allen Russiff, 61, passed away unexpectedly on May 8, 2025 at his home on the Russiff Lazy PK Ranch north of Broadus, MT. He was born to Sam and Joan (Poffenberger) Russiff on November 22, 1963 in Miles City, MT. Those first days at the hospital were the only days of Brian's life lived in town. Sam and Joan brought their new son home to the ranch along the Mizpah Creek and began the new chapter of their life. Six years later, Brian was joined by his only sister SharLa, making the family complete.

Brian attended Cross S School through the 8th grade with numerous cousins and neighboring children prior to moving on to Power River County High School in Broadus. He was a 10-year member of the Cross S 4-H Club raising and showing many market steers along with FFA. Upon graduation in 1982, Brian chose to remain on the ranch with his father, uncles, and cousins and thus began his life as a 3rd generation rancher. Brian gravitated to the animals and hard work of the ranch, making this decision easy and productive for him.

Working beside his father Sam, Brian became a skilled farmer and true stockman. Sam & Brian's relationship was strong and formidable. It was the basis for the man Brian became. Countless hours were spent in the fields at Kelly's and the meadows on the Mizpah. Saving calves during a storm or suckling a newborn with a stubborn mother became second nature to Brian. He thrived on the challenges of the day and worked long hours.

Brian never married, but in reality his bride was the ranch on the Mizpah. His doting attention to the needs of the ranch were those of a loving caregiver. Over his years he built a stellar herd of cows. With a stockman's eye he culled and selected them into a herd that represents the high standards he held for everything in his life. Brian loved to wean calves every Fall that he could develop into first class heifer prospects and top notch feeders. His steer calves were highly sought after by the cattle buyers. During the winter, his late afternoons were often spent quietly walking through a pen of heifers getting to know them and gentling them down into the kind of future mothers expected for his herd.

Brian seldom left the ranch. A trip to the livestock sale at St. Onge, SD or a business day in Miles City were the extent of his travels. The one exception was the wedding of his nephew Andrew. He gladly left the ranch in the hands of helpful neighbors for several days going to Lewistown to welcome Andrew's wife, Taylor into the family. Brian's ties with SharLa and her family were strong and deep. Despite living in Lewistown and Bismarck, SharLa, Steve, Andrew & Taylor spent countless hours of family time with Brian at the ranch. Brian was happiest when he had his sister with him at the ranch. Brian was studious about keeping in touch and valued the opinions and help of his family. He willingly included them in all aspects of the ranch and his life. As a loving and caring Brother and Uncle he will be greatly missed.

Brian's kindness and knowledge extended well beyond his family. He was always willing to help a neighbor in need and often would be seen at local brandings. Many cattle were worked and calves branded and shipped with his help.

His friendship extended to another group as well. Over the generations on the ranch, many families were welcomed there to hunt and recreate. Some of the hunters became close personal friends that were akin to family. They enjoyed the long nights of dinner and cocktails at the blue house together for many years. Often times, trips were made to visit Brian when they didn't even have licenses. The friendships developed with these special people meant a great deal to Brian.

Brian was a diligent, hardworking, caring man that loved a good conversation. He inherited his parents' trait of long goodbye's. A simple "take care" or "travel safe" was an extended goodbye potentially lasting an hour. His passing leaves a huge hole in the heart of his family, friends, and greater Olive community. He will truly be missed.

Brian was preceded in death by his parents Sam and Joan Russiff, and his paternal and maternal grandparents. He is survived by his sister, SharLa (Stephen) Lalum, nephew Andrew (Taylor) Lalum and numerous cousins.

Memorials may be made to the Broadus Volunteer Fire Department.

