

Robert Dale Stanley was born on August 28, 1938, in Wilsonville, Nebraska, to Lyle and Wilda Stanley. He was the firstborn of four children. He grew up in a small farming community and learned the definition of hard work at a young age. Bob played football and basketball in high school. After learning the electrical trade at age 18, Bob got a job as a traveling lineman in Nebraska, Kansas, the Dakotas, Montana, and Wyoming. One of his jobs brought him to a small café in Mitchell, Nebraska, where he met the love of his life, Genevieve Craig. They were married on June 26, 1960. Bob and Genny traveled to several places before finding their forever home in Story, Wyoming in 1965.

Bob continued his electrical career at MDU Power Company. He then transferred to Demshock Electric and later started his own electrical company, Stanley Electric. Starting in 1969, Bob and Genny owned and operated Stanley Sanitation for 55 years, beginning with just a pickup truck. He was also a member of the Story Lions Club, the Blue Sky Saddle Club, and the Gold Prospectors.

When he wasn't working, Bob especially enjoyed elk hunting, spending time outdoors, watching Westerns, reading books, and being with family.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Lyle and Wilda; his brother, Randall; his granddaughter, Hannah Bruney; and his daughter-in-law, Amy Stanley. He is survived by his wife, Genny Stanley; his daughter, Janelle (Jason) Bruney; and his sons, Wade Stanley and Wyatt (Tavy) Stanley. After Genny's father passed away in 1969, Bob became a father figure to her nine siblings. Bob also leaves behind 17 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Bob was a hard-working, family-loving Western hero who will be missed immensely.

In Loving Memory Of

Bob Stanley



August 28, 1938 - October 25, 2026

A COWBOY'S PRAYER

Oh Lord, I've never lived where churches grow.
I love creation better as it stood
That day You finished it so long ago
And looked upon Your work and called it good.
I know that others find You in the light
That's sifted down through tinted window panes,
And yet I seem to feel You near tonight
In this dim, quiet starlight on the plains.

I thank You, Lord, that I am placed so well,
That You have made my freedom so com- plete;
That I'm no slave of whistle, clock or bell,
Nor weak-eyed prisoner of wall and street.
Just let me live my life as I've begun
And give me work that's open to the sky;
Make me a pardner of the wind and sun,
And I won't ask a life that's soft or high.

Let me be easy on the man that's down;
Let me be square and generous with all.
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town,
But never let 'em say I'm mean or small!
Make me as big and open as the plains,
As honest as the hawse between my knees,
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains,
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze!

Forgive me, Lord, if sometimes I forget.
You know about the reasons that are hid.
You understand the things that gall and fret;
You know me better than my mother did.
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said
And right me, sometimes, when I turn aside,
And guide me on the long, dim, trail ahead
That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Friday, October 30, 2026 at 10:00 am
Cornerstone Community Church

OFFICIATING
Pastor Tony Forman

MUSIC
Amazing Grace, Grandpa
In The Garden, Lead Me Home

MUSIC BY
Organist ~ DeAnn Forman

PALLBEARERS
Richard Stanley, Colbey Bruney, Dayton Bruney
Colter Stanley, Logan Waring, Robert Stanley, Wyatt Larson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Wade Stanley, Tyler Stanley, Tom Varcalli, Roy Straw
Charlie Klutts, Gary Mathson, Charles Craig
Bob Baldwin, Bill Metz, Bob, Wilson

Interment will be at the Quite Rest Cemetery in Story WY.

Reception to follow the Cemetery at the Story Woman's Club.

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