



**Even with our progress,  
Some things stay the same.  
Cattle still need brandin'.  
There are horses yet to tame.**

**Cowboys will always ride,  
They'll head, heel, and haze.  
Making lasting memories,  
These are their "good old days."**

**As the lonesome sun is setting  
On our last sky of blue,  
We'll think back on good times and friends  
Who helped make dreams come true.**

**The only favor I would ask  
Before I'm called away,  
Is let me be a cowboy  
Again for one more day.**



## **In Loving Memory Of ElRoy Kittleson**

**Born to Jenny (Storvik) and Henry Kittleson  
January 1, 1934 ~ Sidney, Montana**

**Returned to God's Pastures  
June 28, 2023 ~ Culbertson, Montana**

**Funeral Services  
Friday, July 7, 2023 at 10:00 am  
Zion Lutheran Church ~ Fairview, Montana  
*Luncheon to Follow***

**Officiating  
Pastor Tim O'Shields**

**Casketbearers**  
Dennis Trudell    Dennis Dahl  
Dean Palmer    Lars Borg  
Milo Borg    Ray Johnson  
Dick Iverson    Cory Glisson

**Honorary Casketbearers  
Elroy's Many Beloved Grandchildren**

**Ushers  
Mike Kjos    Vess Hurley**

**Music**  
"Outskirts of Heaven"  
"This World is Not My Home"  
"I'll Fly Away"  
Woody Johnson    Judd Burman    Tim O'Shields  
Shawna Bergenheier ~ Accompanist

**Visitation  
Thursday, July 6, 2023 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Zion Lutheran Church ~ Fairview, Montana**

**Final Resting Place  
Sidney Cemetery ~ Sidney, Montana**

**Arrangements By  
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Sidney, MT**

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May 09, 1934 -  
June 28, 2023**







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ElRoy Kittleson was born on the 9th day of the 5th month on the 34th year (as he always used to say) to Jennie Euakima Storvik Kittleson and Henry Clarence Kittleson in Sidney, Montana. He

was a younger brother to sister Helen, and older brother to Jim and Hank (Henry Jr.). They were raised on the family farm northwest of Fairview. As a child, he attended school at Nohly until the 8th grade – The old saying, “uphill both ways,” was a true story in his younger years!

The passing of their mom when the kids were small left Helen in charge of her younger brothers. ElRoy learned hard work ethics and discipline at a very young and it carried him through his entire life. ElRoy was an avid baseball fan and really enjoyed playing the sport, until he broke his leg. The “backstop” (an old mattress spring) is still standing to this day in the field he played many games in years ago.

He married his wife, Ruth Stride, in 1956, and to this union five children were born: Dennis, Ken, Doug, Barbie, and Dan.

ElRoy served on the ASC committee for over twenty years, the elevator board, and many other projects. His true passion, however, was farming

and ranching. He spent most of his life riding his horses and doing things “the old way.” He saw lots of changes in his life – from no electricity to electric windows in his pickup and cellphones, which he liked to have good long conversations on.



Once his kids were grown, ElRoy was blessed with many grandchildren and then nicknamed “Gramps.” He followed the kids around their activities and enjoyed watching them grow. If you ask the kids, they will say they picked a lot of rock in the early years – cuz Gramps would pick them up to go somewhere, but there was always a field over yonder that they could detour to first. Rock picking was an important thing of skill on the farm! By the time the great grandkids came, they could always find an ice cream bar waiting for them in Gramp’s office freezer.

ElRoy very much enjoyed branding as it always was, and still is, a good time to get together with family and friends.

He bowled for many years, swathed hay up to the



age of 88, and stayed active in the day-to-day operations at the ranch until his passing. He gave so many life lessons, was always fair, non-judgmental, and kind, not to mention humble. He was one of the last of his kind, and he will be truly missed by all who loved him in so many ways.

Surviving ElRoy is his wife, Ruth; children Ken (Marion), Doug (Marsha), and Dan; grandchildren Dustin, Nick, Trista (Ty), Joren, Jared, Alex, Dak, Vanessa, Courtney (Trevor), Brandon (Brady), Tiffany, Casey, and Ryan; Great-grandchildren Eve, Jessalyn, Kaisyn, Nevaeh, Bailee, Kenley, Taylee, Radley, Berklee, Westen, Waylon, Maddison, Brooklyn, Sophia, Payton, Blake, Tylor, Fischer, Easton, Ryder, Oaklyn, Theodore, and Corbin; his brother Jim; numerous nieces and nephews, and bonus family member Corey Glisson.

He is preceded in death by his parents Henry and Jenny; his brother Hank; sister Helen; daughter Barbie; son Dennis; and grandson Tayler.



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