

Steven Oren Selby was born March 28, 1942 in Oakland, California to Norman Bud Selby and Mabel M. Kolb. He passed away unexpectedly at his residence in Shenandoah, Iowa, August 3, 2021, at the age of 79 years, 4 months and 3 days. He made many friends and was known for his sense of humor.

As a baby and toddler Steve and his family lived in Oakland. After his mother and father divorced he moved with his mother and brother back to Nebraska to be near her family. They lived in South Omaha where Steve and his brother, Bill, attended their first years of grade school. While their mother worked as a waitress at the famous Blackstone Hotel the boys were cared for by two young ladies from Blanchard, Iowa, who were attending secretarial school.

The boys sometimes rode a street car downtown to take swimming lessons at the YMCA. Their mother remarried and traded her apartment house for a farm in southwest Iowa east of Farragut, Iowa.

The boys attended school at the Farragut Community School while growing up on their farm. He and his brother often worked for a farmer friend, Orville Morhain, who lived just down the road, milking cows, putting up hay and chopping weeds out of bean fields. Orville introduced them to horses starting with a pony named Paint. As they got older they moved up to larger horses, Smokey a buckskin and Queeny a palomino. They continued raising, showing and breaking horses. Steve enjoyed raising horses and especially watching the new born colts. He sometimes had a hard time letting go of his horses as, he became attached to them.

Steve was known for his hard working work ethics. Over the years Steve worked painting bridges and various buildings for Bud Turnbull Contractor and worked part time tending bar at the Red Oak Tap. For over 30 years Steve was employed by Eveready Manufacturing Company in Red Oak, Iowa and received special recognition and gifts for working 25 years never missing a day of work.

He was married to Annie Jones and to this union one daughter, Mashelle was born. After this marriage was dissolved he continued to put his enjoyment into raising horses, fishing and spending time with friends. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #3651 and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks #1122.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother Mabel Browning, stepfather, Ray Browning and sister-in-law Sandy Selby.

Survivors include: his daughter, Mashelle Medina, granddaughter, Alexa Medina, both from Queen Creek, Arizona, brother and wife, Bill and Brenda Selby from Shenandoah, nephews, cousins and many friends.

In
Loving Memory

Steven Oren Selby

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Celebration of Life Memorial Graveside Service

2:00 p.m.
Friday, October 8, 2021
Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa
Pastor Fred Bryson - Officiant

Place of Rest
Rose Hill Cemetery ~ Shenandoah, Iowa

Memorial
Shenandoah Elks Lodge ~ Shenandoah Eagles Club

Cowboy is his Name

There's a hundred years of history, And a hundred before that,
All gathered in the thinkin' Goin' on beneath this hat.

And back behind his eyeballs And pumpin' through his veins,
Is the ghost of every cowboy That ever held the reins.

Every coil in his lasso's Been thrown a million times,
His quite concentrations Been distilled through ancient minds.

It's evolution workin' When silver scratches hide,
And a ghostly cowboy chorus Fills his head and says 'let's ride'.
The cold flame burns within him 'Till his skins as cold as ice,
And the dues he paid to get here Are worth every sacrifice.

All the miles spent sleep drivin' All the money down the drain,
All the 'if's' and 'nearly's' All the bandages and pain.

All the female tears left dryin' All the fever and the fight,
Are just a small down payment On the ride he makes tonight.
It's guts and love and glory, One mortal's chance at fame,

His legacy is rodeo, And cowboy is his name.

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