

REMEMBERING JAMES



James Arthur Osmotherly, 90, of Oelrichs SD passed away on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at Ponderosa Villa in Crawford after a brief hospice stay.

James was born July 20, 1934, at the Sisters Hospital in Hot Springs SD to Rupert and Veronica Osmotherly. James spent his life operating the family ranch "Tee Pee Creek

Ranch" South of Hot Springs that his dad homesteaded in 1908. His family proudly continues to operate the ranch today.

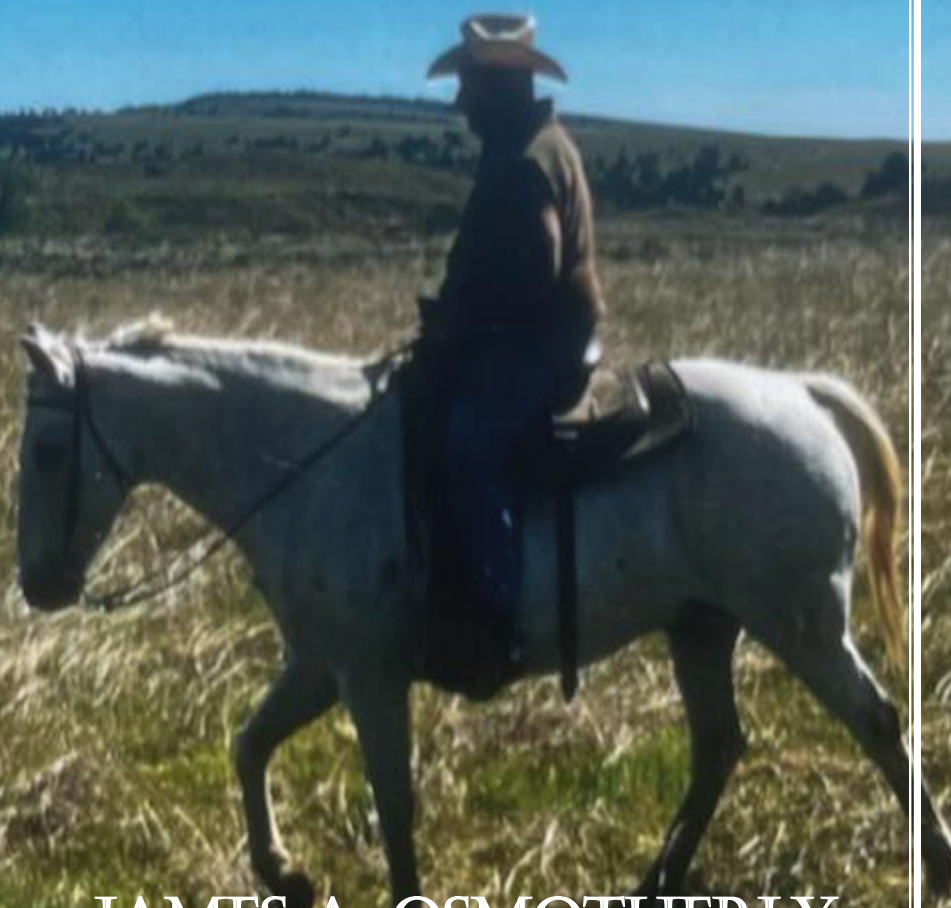
James married Sandra Parsons on August 24, 1963. To this union they added sons David Leslie, Larry James, Kenneth Allen, and daughter Nancy Ann. James and Sandra eventually bought additional land in the Oelrichs area where they settled to continue to raise their children while farming and ranching.

James was proceeded in death by his parents Rupert and Veronica Osmotherly, his sister and brother-in-law Edith and Oliver Romey, and brother William Osmotherly.

James is survived by his wife Sandra, sons David Osmotherly, Larry Osmotherly, Kenneth (Anita) Osmotherly, and a daughter Nancy (Derrick) Sletto. He also survived by his Grandchildren who were the apple of his eye and could turn any frown to a smile; Tabatha Zimiga, Chantel Hill, Kylee Pourier, Zoey Osmotherly, Kadan Sletto, Hanna Sletto, and Erin Osmotherly as well as his Great Great Grandchildren Porshia Zimiga, Chevy Zimiga, Ricky Anderson, Teagan Roch, Parker Hill, and Stetson Neumann. James is survived by numerous nieces and nephews as well as his sister-in-law Ethel Osmotherly.

Arrangements have been placed in the care of
Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home
Hot Springs, South Dakota

IN LOVING MEMORY



JAMES A. OSMOTHERLY

1934-2024

A COWBOYS 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 complete;
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.*

IN LOVING MEMORY JAMES A. OSMOTHERLY

July 20, 1934—August 1, 2024
Hot Springs, South Dakota Crawford, Nebraska

VISITATION

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m., Monday, August 5, 2024
Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home
Hot Springs, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICES

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2024
Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home
Hot Springs, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Justin Trent

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Grandpa, Tell Me About The Good Ole Days” - Erin Osmotherly
“In the Garden”

SLIDESHOW

Zoey Osmotherly & Hanna Sletto

PALLBEARERS

Kadan Sletto, Calvin Romey, Cole Romey, Steve Osmotherly,
Keith Osmotherly, Robert Osmotherly

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Tom Schnose, Ronald Beseke, Richard Osmotherly, Danny Parsons,
Donald Parsons, Mike Lulf, Jeff Lulf

COMMITTAL SERVICES

Horsehead Cemetery

MEMORIALS

Oelrichs Fire Department-Building Fund New Fire Hall
P.O. Box Oelrichs, SD 57763

LUNCHEON

Oelrichs Community Hall