



## Ronald Hepper

October 3, 1948 - January 28, 2007

Ronald D. "Ron" Hepper, 58, Bismarck, died January 28, 2007, at St. Alexius Medical Center. Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 AM at Evangel Assembly of God in Bismarck with the Rev. Roger Will officiating. Burial will be held at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 2-9 PM Wednesday at Parkway Funeral Service where a prayer service will be held at 7 PM that evening. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Ron was born on October 3, 1948, in Mandan, ND, the son of Rudolph and Rose Mattis Hepper. He was raised on the family ranch southeast of Selfridge, ND, and graduated from Selfridge High School in 1967. Ron then served in the United States Army in a tour of duty in Vietnam with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, where he received numerous honors including the Purple Heart. Following his military service, Ron returned to North Dakota and worked with his brothers. Ron married Ruth Krogman on January 14, 1972, in Aberdeen, SD. They lived in McLaughlin, SD, where Ruth taught school. In the spring of 1973, Ron and Ruth bought a ranch south of Isabel, SD. They farmed and ranched there until the fall of 2002 when they bought a smaller place near Golden Valley, ND. In 2004, Ron and Ruth retired to Custer, SD. They then moved to Bismarck in 2006 to be closer to family. Ron was a true cowboy. He loved horses and enjoyed raising and breaking colts. Ron was a fine cattleman and built one of the best herds in the area. Ron was very active in Alcoholics Anonymous and always had time for a friend. Above all else, Ron will be remembered for his sense of

humor, his kind heart, and his love for his family. Ron is survived by his wife, Ruth of Bismarck, ND; his daughters, Karmen Chad Glaesman of Norfolk, NE, and Julie Jim Hornbacher of Menoken, ND; his son, Darren Rebecca of Eden Prairie, MN; his grandson, Isaac Hepper of Eden Prairie, MN; his granddaughter, Jacey Hornbacher of Menoken, ND; his brothers, Calvin, Adolph Laverne, and Willie Sis, all of Mobridge, SD, Rudy Donna of Fort Yates, ND, Harold Darlys of Gordon, NE, Stan Kathleen of Mandan, ND, and Alvin Jerry McCormick of Menoken, ND; his sisters, Emma Raymond Barchinger of Mandan, ND, and Norma Tony Schneider of McLaughlin, SD; and many nieces and nephews. Ron was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Eddie.

# Tribute Wall

HR

“ Ruth reading of Ron's death came as quite a schock. Ruth you have done a super job raising 3 fine Kids grewed up people and have done a very good job looking after my friend Ron. Our thoughts and prayers are sure with you and all your family Very sincerely Harold &Joan Ross

Harold&Joan Ross - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Ruth,Just read today about Ron's death. Please accept our sincere sympathy. We hold fond memories you and Ron from way back in your early days at Isabel. We both recalled meeting Ron for the first time at Vern and Margaret Oliver's.God's Blessings to you at this time. Dennis and Janet

Dennis and Janet Fernau - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Ronald Hepper

Wade Hepper & family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I recently got to know Ron and appreciated his friendship and cowboy sense of humor. My condolences to his family.

Jim Keller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers through this trying time. I have many memories of Ron and the laughs and jokes he and Dad shared. We are thinking of you.

Jace & Kenita Waddell & Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We spent a lot of good times with Ron & Ruth attending meetings & conferences; as well as good times visiting at home in Dupree. We were so happy to see you, Ruth, and Ron this fall at the Custer Buffalo Roundup. Please know that you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and hold you in His hands.

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**Janie & Arlie Davis** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Ronald Hepper

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**Jeanne & Steve Merkel** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ We were so sorry to hear about the death of Ron. He was an honorable man and will be missed.

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**Steven & Gretchen Bitz** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ Dear Ruth and family, Larry and I will always remember the warm hospitality we enjoyed in your home. You both made a point to make all feel welcome. Both you and Ron shared a great sense of humor. Larry and I still laugh when we recall our visits with the two of you. We share in your loss. Please know that we are here to help when you need it and our hearts are with you. May you find comfort in God and friends. In deepest sympathy, Larry and Kay

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**Kay and Larry Vickers** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Ruth, Karmen, Darren, Julie and family: I am so sorry for your loss, and regret deeply that I was unable to make it to the services. I have an endless number of memories from time spent with your family. Ron was a wonderful man and I always enjoyed his stories and sense of humor. It was always evident that was very proud of each of you. I feel blessed to have known him and to have shared in just a small part of his life. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers--may your faith and the memories of times with him help you through the days to come. God bless...love and prayers, Kim

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**Kim Smeenk** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ As a Vietnam veteran I had a special bond with Ron that is only shared among soldiers. Ron always had a joke or story to share and he often stopped in town to visit with the coffee guys. Ruth and Ron went to the same church we do and we wish to extend our sympathy to Ruth and the family. We know that Ron is in a better place and is at peace. God Bless the Hepper family.

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**Deen and Darlene Brecht** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. Ron was a great person, I enjoyed being around him. He always had a joke on his tongue and a smile on his face. You are in our prayers during this hard time. God Bless.

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**Ryan & Sara Deichert** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *Ronald Hepper*

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**Nancy Pichardo** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Sue and Vernon Starr - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Rons Family I only new Ron a short time afte he was having health problems.I went with Alvin to Rons ranch at Holiday and he was a very proud man on what he had in life.I am a AA member for over 30 years so i can relate to the fantastic sermon that they had at his funeral. It seem no matter what heppen in live if we have faith and family every thing well work out for the best. Roger Hoggarth

Roger Hoggarth - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HO

“ Dear Hepper Family,I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I will remember Ron as a joker. When I visited your home, he made me feel comfortable and welcome. I am praying for all of you at this difficult time. May God's peace bring you comfort. Heidi

Heidi Tschetter Olson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Sorry to hear of lost, may God be with the family in this time of grief

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**Donna Bloom Hipfner** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ My family and I shared some great times with Ron and Ruth at their home in Golden Valley and also when we stayed with them in Custer ,SD. I also spent many hours riding horse with Ron. I always enjoyed his humor and knowledge of horses. I especially enjoyed the times we spent talking about our savior, Jesus Christ. Ron was truly a man of God and I celebrate with his family knowing he has a new riding partner called Jesus. We will miss you ,Ron. Your Friend , Jeff

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**Jeff Kopp** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Ronald Hepper

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**Jack Jewett** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Ronnie was a very good friend,who loved horses as much as I did. We shared many good times working together on horseback, I will miss his stories of horses and cowboys also his great sense of humor. God bless you Ruth as you continue on without Ronnie. Love Curtis & Helane

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**Curtis and Helane Brenner** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Ron & Ruth unvited Pam and I over to their place one day last summer when we were building our house across the street from theres. We enjoyed our visit and only wish there had been alot more of them. I helped Ron unload his trailer one day because I knew he had breathing difficulties and I wanted to be a good neighbor for them. I want you to knoe Ruth that Pam and I are only across the street and if you need help please don't hesitate to call or stop by, we'll do what we can for you and I'm sure that stands true for the rest of your neighbors. Please take care of yourself and know that you and your family are in our prayers.

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**Curtis & Pam Miller** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

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**Melvin and Carol Olson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Ruth, Karmen, Darren, Julie and family,Just wanted you to know that we are praying for each one of you. God has blessed you with such a remarkable family. I pray that He will also bless you with continued strength, comfort and peace.My love, thoughts and prayers,Vicki

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**Vicki Hepper White** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I just would like to express my deepest sympathy for all of the family. I would have liked to have been there. I regret that I didn't get to see him before he got so sick.My thoughts and my prayers are with you. God Bless!Donna

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**Donna Hepper McGee** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Ruth, & Family: I want to let you all know that you are in our prayers. How fortunate we are that in our hearts we keep the memories of those we have spent time together. With our Deepest Sympathy. God Bless you all! The Hogan's*

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**Doug & Sheryl Hogan** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ *We extend our sincere sympathy to Ron's family.*

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**Fred & Dorothy Appert** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Ronald Hepper*

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**Lin Hagel** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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OA

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Rons passing. I have always considered him as a close friend. I wish I could have visited with him before his passing. Oss*

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**Oss Aberle** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Dear Ruth and family, We're so sorry to hear about Ron's death. When you still lived in Isabel and he was going to Ft. Meade for appointments, he would stop and visit. He was a kind, and good person. We always enjoyed his visits. Sorry we couldn't make it to the services. Our prayers, thoughts and heartfelt sympathy. He will be missed by those whose lives he touched. God's love and peace, Jr. and Carol Olson

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**Melvin and Carol Olson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

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**Robin Gates** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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RM

“ Just thinking of you all, Ruth, Karmen, Darren, and Julie. Ryan Maher/Isabel SD

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**Ryan Maher** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Sorry that we couldn't make the funeralbut you are in our prayers and if there is anything we can help you with be sure to let us know.*Thomas & Margaret*

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**Thomas & Margaret Trode** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ So sorry for your loss.

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**Della Schweitzer Jensen** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM