



Billy Nolan Belford

January 23, 1923 - January 7, 2014

Billy Nolan Belford, 90, of Bismarck passed away Tuesday January 7, 2014. He was born January 23, 1923 to the late Armita Forrester Belford and Otis Rosco Belford in Earle, Arkansas. He was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, Curtis Belford and Bob Belford; four sisters, Camil Forgey, Pete Gonzales, Bea Burford and Shirley Stark.

When He was younger he was referred to as "Wild Bill", as he got older that name changed to "Sweet William".

Billy lived a colorful life. He was a well known Thoroughbred and Quarter horse trainer racing from coast to coast. He farmed, ranched, rodeo and raced speed cars. Some of his favorite horses were Native Comet, Margalo, Moonquake, Duchlo and Mean Old Bill and many others.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Helen Belford; one daughter, Beneda (Dewaine) Loy; one son, Billy Belford; one sister, Tooter Brown; one grandchild, Britney Loy; along with many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Monday, January 13th from 1:00PM till 3:00PM in Hot Springs Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Helen, I am so sorry. We are thinking of you and your family. God bless you all and may the peace of the Lord be with Billy.*

Leonard and Colleen Butler



Colleen and Leonard Butler - January 13, 2014 at 01:03 PM

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“ *Prayers to Billy's family. I remember him taking me to go pet his horses like they were pets. He told me that day horses are like people sometimes love and freedom is the best medicine. I am blessed to have known him.*

Angi Rankin - January 13, 2014 at 09:25 AM

RR

“ *My prayers go out to the family. I'll always remember the "Belford Farm" on HWY 1N in Wynne and the B-17 bomber in the field.*

Ricky Ryals son of Freddy and Janet "Sparkle" Ryals

Ricky Ryals - January 12, 2014 at 10:16 PM

LJ

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Lesley Jones

Lesley Jones - January 12, 2014 at 08:15 PM

DS

“ I am sorry to hear about the passing of Billy. I will always the remember the day that he let me spend the day with him behind the scenes at Oaklawn.

Doug Stark - January 09, 2014 at 02:14 PM

LH

Billy taught me to ride cutting horses for the National High School Rodeo when I was in high school in Earle. We remained friends for many years and frequently visited at Oaklawn.. He was close friends with my parents. LuLynne Dickey Hicky

LuLynne Hicky - January 14, 2014 at 09:18 PM

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