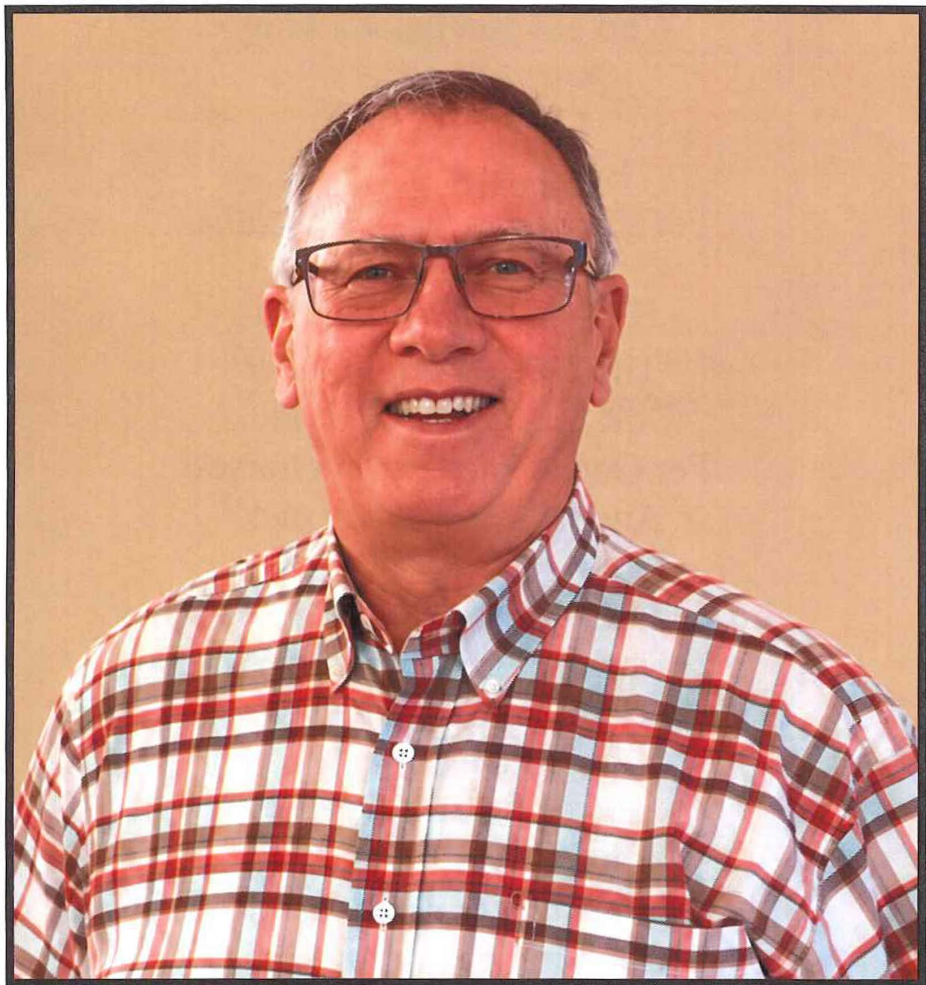


In Loving Memory Of



Rodney J. "Rod" Ahlberg

June 14, 1949 ~ August 20, 2026

Let me tell you folks
Who have gathered here today
That I'm a proud and thankful cowboy
Who has just passed away

I know it's hard
But, please don't cry
Fer I'm now ridin' Gods trails
High up in the sky

The hoss I'm ridin' now
Don't spook, buck or kick
Fer God stables perfect horses
And now I have my pick

Lord, please forgive me of all my sins
Fer I haven't been perfect
But I know that he who believes in You
Forever wins!

I have lived a good life
A cowboys dream come true
Thank You Lord,
Fer I'm now ready to ride into eternity
Me, my horse, and You.

~ Terry Ike Clanton

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BORN

June 14, 1949
Longmont, Colorado

PASSED AWAY

August 20, 2026
Wayne, Nebraska

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

11:00 a.m. Friday, September 11, 2026
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Longmont, Colorado

OFFICIATING

Rick Rusaw
Pastor Stephanie Kopsch
Rick Montera

MUSIC

"Horses In Heaven"
"When I Get Where I Am Going"
"Happy Trails"
Gary Elmquist ~ Organist

PRIVATE INURNMENT

Ahlberg Farm
Wayne, Nebraska

*Everyone is invited to a reception following the services
In the church's fellowship hall*

Rodney J. Ahlberg, of Wayne, NE formerly of Longmont, CO passed away peacefully at his home on August 20, 2026. He was 77.

Rod was born June 14, 1949 to Rodney A. and M. Corrine (Brown) Ahlberg in Longmont, CO. He graduated from Longmont High School in 1968.

Rod, along with his family, owned and operated Ahlberg Funeral Chapel in Longmont. He had a true passion for the mortuary business and lived by the motto "Service Above Self". Rod decided to retire from the mortuary in the fall of 2018 and moved to Wayne, NE to build their forever home and be close to his daughter.

In the spring of 2021 Rod was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He defied all the odds living several years longer than anyone expected. Being a workaholic he returned back to the work force in April, 2023 working for Securitas at Great Dane, in Wayne and continued to work until just a few weeks before his death.

Rod loved to team rope and traveled thousands of miles to rodeos and jackpots. When Cashley was 11, he set down his heel ropes to help Cashley pursue her dream of showing cattle and to dedicate more time to the family business. Rod was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church and served on Church Council. He was a very strong supporter to the youth at the Boulder County Fair.

Rod loved his family, his rodeo family and his friends and truly enjoyed a good conversation.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Linnea. Survived by his wife 43 years, Vicky (Halstead), Wayne, daughter Cashley Ahlberg-Smith (Bill), Wayne and grandchildren Emberly and Declan Smith, Wayne; brother Randy Ahlberg (Sue), Longmont, CO; sister Signe Nystuen (Paul), West Fargo, ND. Sister-in-laws – Kim Ingram (George) Stoughton, Saskatchewan, Carmen Jackson (Levi) Sedley, Saskatchewan and Dawn Halstead, Lestock, Saskatchewan.

Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Services in Longmont, CO will be held September 11, 2026 at 11:00 AM at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Longmont, Colorado

Services in Wayne, NE will be held September 18, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Wayne, Nebraska

Cremation has been held with inurnment at a later date on the Family Farm in Wayne, NE

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First Evangelical Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 327, Longmont, CO 80501 or Our Savior Lutheran Church, 421 N. Pearl Street, Wayne NE 68787, or Winside FFA, 203 Crawford Avenue, Winside, NE 68790