

Douglas Allen Blaney

Dec. 16, 1953 – Sept. 3, 2018

Douglas Allen Blaney passed away at his home from complications of liver cancer on Monday, Sept. 3, 2018, at age 64. He was born Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1953, in Lusk and later was adopted by Robert Lloyd and Bonna Jean (Monger) Blaney.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene (Schroeder) Blaney; a daughter, Alyssa (John) Ledingham; a son, Daniel (Mattie); three granddaughters Makayla, Katelyn and Natalie Ledingham; his half-brother David (Judy) Stallman; and his half-sister Cindy Olsen.

Doug grew up in Wyoming where his father, a mechanic for Continental Pipeline, worked in various places. He spent his early years in Horse Creek, Cheyenne, Glenrock and Lance Creek. He attended elementary and junior high school in Lance Creek, and graduated from Niobrara County High School in Lusk in 1972. In high school he played football, and basketball, as well as participated on the rodeo team. He qualified for the National Finals High School Rodeo his senior year in team roping, which enabled him to also compete in the tie-

down roping.

Following high school he took a one-year course at the Technical School of the Rockies in Thermopolis, where he received a certificate as a veterinary technician in 1973. In January 1974 he began his freshman year at the University of Wyoming, graduating with Bachelor of Science in animal science in December 1977.

Doug married Darlene Schroeder on Aug. 9, 1975, in Wheatland. After marriage, both continued their college education at the University of Wyoming. In 1978, they moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he worked for a farm implement dealer selling farm equipment in Idaho and Montana. In 1979 the couple returned to Cheyenne, and in 1980 he moved to Carr, Colorado, where he farmed and ranched. Doug enjoyed working with cattle, sheep and horses. He especially liked horses, and over the years he raised and trained several horses and also worked as a professional farrier.

Doug was committed to his family and always made sure to lend a helping hand to his children with 4-H, sports and school activities. It was

unusual for him to miss any game in which his children played, and he was always available to help with school and extracurricular activities.

In his later years he stayed involved with his grandchildren, babysitting almost daily and ensuring that rides to important activities were available.

His love for children was overflowing. He could not walk past any baby or small child without stopping to talk to them and their parents. He combined his love of basketball with his love of children when he coached middle school basketball at Heritage Christian Academy and coached for the Fort Collins summer recreation league. For kids he was willing to go the extra mile, ensuring that latchkey children had a ride to and from practice.

Doug was open and giving. Many will attest to his generosity and care throughout his life. Several nieces and nephews spent time with the family during their high school and college years. Doug was never too busy for anyone. Over the years he shuttled countless people to DIA (or Stapleton), took people camping and hunting,

coached middle school basketball, served as chauffeur for family vacations, and ensured that his friends and family were well cared for. He was happy to lend a hand wherever it was needed.

A memorial service was held in the South Auditorium of Timberline Church, 2908 S. Timberline Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525 at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 7, 2018. Pastor Charles Williams of Loveland Bible Church officiated. A funeral luncheon followed in the East Auditorium of Timberline Church. Graveside services were held at 4:30 p.m. the same day at the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Royal Family Kids, 3000 W. MacArthur Blvd., Suite 412, Santa Ana, CA 92704, 714-438-2494. On their website (www.rfk.org) you may choose to donate to the national organization or find a local affiliate near you.

The Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.gormanfh.com.