



Robert J. Thomazin

March 16, 1940 - December 16, 2011

Robert J. "Bob" Thomazin, age 71, of Gibbon died Friday, December 16, 2011 at St. John's Good Samaritan Center in Kearney. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Humane Society. A message of condolence, tribute or memory can be left at www.hlmkfuneral.com Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home in Kearney, NE is in charge of arrangements.

Bob was born on March 16, 1940 in Columbus, NE to John Roberts and Marie Olive Cecilia (Larson) Thomazin. He graduated from Grand Island High School in 1958. Bob then attended Kearney State College for 2 years, transferred to UNL and graduated from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln with a degree in mathematics and economics. He married Connie Rae Yilk on June 16, 1961 in Hastings. They were long time residents of Grand Island before retiring to the family's Buck n Jack Ranch south of Kearney on the Platte River. The ranch became one of the first conservation easements, with the Audobon Society, in the State of Nebraska.

Bob worked as a Real Estate Broker, Farm Manager and Licensed Appraiser.

His avocations included architecture and home design, landscaping and woodworking. Bob was well known for his custom outfitted '72 Chevy Blazer and his one of a kind, handmade "Chuckwagons" (solid wood, portable camping kitchens.) He was a prodigious song writer and cowboy poet, playing his own works as a self taught guitarist. Bob had a unique lifelong bond with his high school classmates which enriched his life and inspired his creative talents.

Surviving Relatives:

Wife Connie Thomazin, of Gibbon, NE

Son Jon Colby Thomazin (and Kurt Bindewald), New Orleans LA

Daughter: Robin (and Joe) Gzehoviak, Omaha

Daughter: Jill (and David) Jewell, Gibbon, NE

Sister Jean (Clark) Russell, of Carson City, NV

Grandsons: Briar Jewell and Jackson Gzehoviak

Granddaughters Jesse Jewell and Molly Gzehoviak

Bob was preceded in death by his parents.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J. Thomazin*

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