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Stockmen's Association recognizes Sperry with inspection award

The North Dakota Stockmen's Association presented its local brand inspector award to former NDSA local brand inspector, the late Kyle "Bud" Sperry, Jr., of Trotters, N.D., during its 81st Annual Convention & Trade Show, Sept. 23-25, at the Holiday Inn in Minot, N.D. Sperry worked as a local inspector for more than 30 years.

Sperry, age 68, was born on July 3, 1941, in Beach, N.D., to parents Kyle and Lillian (Russell) Sperry, and was raised on the Sperry ranch at Trotters. Following high school in Beach, he worked for various local ranches including the Vernon Goldsberry Ranch near Squaw Gap where he met and married Marcia Bonine of Hysham, Mont. The couple made their home on the ranch near Trotters where they raised cows, horses and two boys, Russell and Robert.

Sperry died on March 18, 2010, at his home in Trotters and is survived by his wife of 38 years, Marcia; and two sons, Russell and Stephanie Sperry of Rising Star, Texas, and their daughters Reese and Rylan; and Robert and Tamra Sperry of Trotters, and their son Kolby Kyle.

"We will all remember Bud's easiness and comfort with horses," said NDSA District 3 Director Steve Koester of Steele. "We'll remember the way he proudly showed off his colts each summer and the way he talked about the young prospects they were training. We'll remember how proud he was to work for the NDSA and how he always had time to have fun and enjoy life."

The NDSA was formed in 1929 with the purpose of putting an end to cattle rustling in the state. Today, cattle protection through brand inspection continues to be a priority for the beef trade association. The NDSA brand team includes more than 200 local inspectors, 45 full- and part-time market inspectors, two fieldmen and a chief brand inspector.

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For 81 years the North Dakota Stockmen's Association has worked to unite, protect, promote, educate and serve North Dakota's beef industry.