



Robert (Bobby) David Kerr

October 31, 1957 - September 5, 2025

Bobby Kerr

Bobby Kerr, beloved husband, father, grandfather, cowboy, and horseman, passed away at his home, north of Hico, Texas, at the age of 67.

Born on October 31, 1957, in Ontario, Canada, to June Fraser and Bert Kerr, Bobby grew up with his brother Tom in the Canadian countryside. A rowdy and adventurous teen, he often found himself in mischief—stories from those years include near disasters involving tractors, trucks, and even trains. But it was the magic of a Roy Rogers movie that truly set his course. Inspired by the silver screen cowboy, Bobby became determined to live that life himself. At just 14 years old, he ran away from home in Canada to pursue his dream of becoming a cowboy in America- a bold step that defined the rest of his life.

Before the arena lights, Bobby became known worldwide as a master horseman, trainer of wild

mustangs, and metal artist. He spent over two decades creating western furnishings ranging from custom entrance ways, intricate chandeliers, western furniture, art, and signs that can still be found across Texas. His love for preserving cowboy heritage also led him and his wife, Susan, whom he married in 1984, to start the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame in Hico in 1997, which was later moved to the Fort Worth Stockyards, where it remains today.

Never one to stay idle, Bobby later turned his artistic eye toward custom motorcycles, partnering with his son Cody to build custom bikes—including the one-of-a-kind rodeo bike—and together they earned recognition in the custom bike world for their craftsmanship and vision.

In 2011, with the encouragement and support of family and close friends, Bobby entered his first Extreme Mustang Makeover. What began as a challenge quickly grew into a lifelong passion that would define the next chapter of his career. His innovative acts, blending fearless horsemanship

with humor, vintage cars, his loyal dogs, and his well-known cowboy poems, soon made him a fan favorite. Those same poems, which Bobby wove into his acts to inspire and connect with audiences, were later a signature part of his induction ceremony into the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Bobby went on to win the 2012 Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover, place 2nd and 3rd at the 2013 Mustang Million, and claim another championship in 2020. He was a six-time PRCA Specialty Act of the Year and a featured act at the National Finals Rodeo, known for unforgettable moments like driving his vintage cars with his beloved mustang riding shotgun. In 2021, Bobby was officially inducted into the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, the same institution he and Susan founded in 1997.

In 2021, he was diagnosed with cancer, but Bobby's grit never faltered. For more than four years, he battled his illness with courage while continuing to ride, perform, and inspire. His love of the cowboy life, his horses, and his family remained constant.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Susan Kerr; his son, Cody Kerr and wife Ondrea; his daughter, Kelsey Putty and husband Kyle; his granddaughter, Marlee June Putty; his nephew, Allin Kerr and his family; his nephew, Chris Kerr and family; and his niece, Lesley Kerr and family.

He will be remembered not only for his artistry, poetry, and horsemanship, but also for his faith, determination, and how he touched lives in every arena.

Celebration of life

November 19 @ 4:00pm

Cowtown Coliseum

121 E Exchange Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76164

Doors open at 3. Please plan to arrive and park early as the cattle drive is on Exchange Ave at 4.

Here is the link to the Venmo benefit account.

@BK-benefitaccount

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear this news. We are keeping his wife and entire family in prayer. God bless and comfort you all.
Edward Osei, Stephenville Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Edward Osei - October 19, 2025 at 05:34 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Darryl Sterne - September 26, 2025 at 04:10 PM

SU

“ 4 files added to the album Bobby



Susan - September 26, 2025 at 02:30 PM

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“ *Bobby was such a kind and humble man. And he was the most talented man I ever met, in so many ways. He left his mark all over the town of Hico and will be missed for a long, long time. It was a privilege to know him.*

Jerry McAdams - September 07, 2025 at 01:06 AM