

R.P. Smith

R.P. Smith is a fourth generation rancher from Custer County Nebraska, part of the home place; the Pine Crest Ranch has been in the family since 1906.

Over thirty years ago after seeing two of the worlds most noted Cowboy Poets on the Johnny Carson Show, R.P. was inspired to write his first piece of cowboy poetry, a few years later he was given the opportunity to share some of his work at the first Old West Days Celebration, Nebraska's Cowboy Poetry Gathering, and the ball really started rolling from there.

"The Lord has given me more opportunities to speak with folks than I ever could have imagined, it has been a great ride."

R.P. is still excited enough about ranching that it pulls him out of bed pretty early every day, he enjoys the challenges that running a ranch offer, and is a lifelong student of the relationships between water, grass, sunshine and livestock.