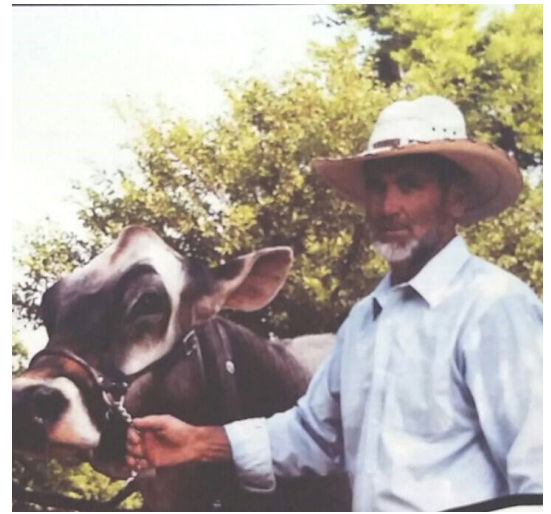


# Mr. Smith & His Brown Swiss Cows



Larry Smith a respected dairyman in the Collinsville, OK area raised and milked Registered Brown Swiss cows and loved them and life. His family was very important to him, along with his cattle. They were his other family and constant companions. His registered herd was well known locally and nationally. In the Spring of 2015, he passed away from a heart attack and complications leaving his family and his cattle a deep void.

His one request was that he didn't want to be carried out of this life in a hearse. He just thought they were morbid! So after a family discussion, they shinned up his new black truck with gold trim. His coffin also was black with gold trim and they gathered to carry him to his resting place. On the way to the cemetery that was close to his farm a horse came running out of a pasture and ran along side the procession. Screaming and whining. Everyone said it was unsettling and just a little spooky. But that was only the beginning. When they went past the Smith Farm all the Brown Swiss cows were lined up along the road and fence, paying their final respect. When they got closer to the cemetery the family was in tears. The lease pasture was the last tribute by the young heifers that were also lined up along the fence.

Truly the Lord gathered his animals he loved for one lasting tribute.

Surely this is a testament of the love he had for his cows and the unmistakable love his cows had for him.

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