

Bio of Donald C. Clanton following retirement from UNL

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Following retirement June 30, 1989 I did some consulting for 3 or 4 years. I bought a farm in northern Lincoln County which I still own and rent out.

I lost my wife to cancer in 1994. In 1996 I purchased some grazing land near Elizabeth, Colorado, moving there in 1997. I sold my house in North Platte, Nebraska and built a house, barn and corrals etc. on the place in Colorado. I lived there for eight years. I bought yearling steers in the spring, summered them and sold them in the fall. I had four horses. My two grandkids who lived near in Castle Rock enjoyed coming out and riding them. That lasted until they were old enough to drive; the horses then got a rest.

In 2003, I recognized an opportunity which I pursued. I rezoned the place to where a house could be placed on each thirty-five acres. I sold the thirty-five acre lots and the forty acres my house and barn were on in 2005 and purchased a small ranch style house in Castle Rock, Colorado. That was when I really retired. I disposed of all my machinery, cattle, horses etc. The last two horses I donated to a therapeutic riding program for young folks with special needs. I volunteered there for a few months and then transferred to volunteering at a therapeutic riding program in Castle Rock. I still volunteer there.

Health wise, I am doing fine except for macular degeneration. My driving is now very limited. I sold my house in October and moved into a retirement village.