

## Don Greytak

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Don Greytak was born May 22, 1936 in Havre, Montana into a family of eleven brothers and sisters. Don was raised on a farm north of Havre. Beginning at a very young age, and while growing up, his chores included milking cows, gathering eggs, feeding pigs, trailing cows on horseback, driving tractor and other machinery. Don spent his free time exploring and hunting the Milk River Breaks on horseback. Don went to a one room school about a mile from his home. While in the sixth grade he was paid 25 cents a month for going to school in the early morning hours to start a fire in the stove. This was the first money he earned. His many siblings and one or two other students were his classmates. After graduating from high school in 1954, Don made his living ranching with his dad, Alfred Greytak. In 1957 Don began designing and building horse and stock trailers and in all manufactured a total of 57 trailers. Don Greytak learned to fly in 1967. He has owned 3 planes over the years. Insurance companies hired Don to take aerial photos of farms and ranches. His first plane cost \$2,250.00. In 1976 Don started metal sculpting. In May of 1978 the self-taught artist picked up a pencil and now works as a full time pencil illustrator, taking his inspiration from his Montana High Plains roots. Don's multi-dimensional subject matter includes farming, ranching, airplanes, trains, classic and antique automobiles, rodeos and family scenes in rural Montana. Don's artwork can be found across the United State and world-wide including Europe and Canada. His largest art show is the former "C. M. Russell", now the "Western Master's" held annually in Great Falls, Montana. Don Greytak is a true Montana Living Legend.

