

## **The Roger Borkhuis Collection Auction The Candyman with a Sweet Tooth for GM Horsepower!**

Roger Borkhuis could have all the candy he wanted growing up. The family business was Wholesale Tobacco and Candy. But Roger had a Sweet Tooth for horsepower and chocolates wasn't going to do. When Roger was 13 years old, he bought his first car. He was always intrigued with how they worked and pulled and redid that motor in that car 3 times. Ever since he was a kid, His dream job would be designing cars for GM. Roger loved the designs and the horsepower. Yes, he had a sweet tooth for GM Horsepower-Anything Fast.

Roger headed to College and met the love of his life, Mary. Mary remembers that Roger always had a "hot ride". She recalls one date he had picked her up in a white Chevrolet Belair. The next week, he pulled up in a green car. Mary asked if he had got a new car, "Nope, Just painted it." The 2 were married after college and started their life with Roger Working for Fanny Farmer in Kansas City. Those boxes of chocolates came in handy cruising the countryside looking for cars. Soon, Roger wanted to come back home to Minot. His Father died in 1970, and they sold much of the business. Roger was determined and with a loan from his Mother, started the Wholesale Supply Tobacco and Candy Company from scratch again. Competitors tried to stop them, but within a short time, they had built the business and showed them by buying out those competitors that said he wouldn't make it. Along with the success, came more chances to buy cars. Those chocolates and Cigarettes came in handy again, when dealing with farmers for vehicles in garages and trees. Sometimes he even got to satisfy that sweet tooth with an even-over trade on that GM Horsepower for Cigarettes and some chocolate. Soon the kids started and the family and the business grew. 3 boys, Brad, Brent, and Brian, they helped with many aspects of the business. Roger was so proud he bought his first new car a 1971 Chevrolet Corvette. The kids were so excited when he brought the car home. The family still has this car and now in the car of one of the boys.

Roger's collection was like a box of chocolates, you just can't eat one, and he just couldn't have 1 car. Soon the collection grew. Mary, his wife, said they planned family trips, around food and cars. They loved to go to shows and swap meets. Roger loved Swap meets looking for those pieces to finish some of this treasures. Like many collectors, it was the thrill of the hunt. The boys loved to go to the Demo Derbies and hunt for treasures with their Dad. Roger started Monkey Man Motors and Minot Classic Cars. He rarely sold, but only added to the collection of horsepower. For Roger, Speed was his addition. The collection has many Big Block GM cars in the collection from a restored 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle LS6 Convertible, along with MANY other Chevells from 1968 to 1972. Horsepower was key and the Collection boasts many Corvettes including a 1959 Corvette roadster. There's Camaros everywhere including a 1969 Z28 302 Camaro and a wrecked 1970's Camaro with only 254 miles! The collection has Tri-Five and Impalas with power. A 1963 Chevrolet Impala 409, 2-4bbls and a 4 speed is waiting to go again. 1957 Nomad, 57 2dr HT, 58 Chevrolet and more.

The business continued to grow and so did the collection. Roger was having the time of his life and was getting into internet buying and that was like giving candy to a baby, and Roger couldn't get enough. Mary says they would hear him cheering and really getting into the online auctions for cars. Roger and his boys did late model Rebuilders and they all drove them. The auction will include some late Model Cadillacs, Mercedes, and others. Roger also knew what was going to be an upcoming collector and Bought a new 1990 Chevrolet SS 454 Pickup and only put 196 miles on the truck. This will be sold at the auction.

In 2008 Roger was diagnosed with Lymphoma. The family rallied around their Horsepower Father and went through doctor's appointments, treatment, but Roger passed away from the illness. The family has been busy with selling the business, land, and now the collection of Roger's GM

Horsepower. VanDerBrink Auctions will sell the collection of GM Horsepower. The auction will be approx. 115 vehicles along with parts. The collection boasts many Chevelles, Camaros, Impalas, Tri-Five, Cadillacs, and more. "Everywhere you look, there's Big Blocks and more GM Horsepower. From a restored LS6 Chevelle to many Chevelles, Camaros, Corvettes, Cadillacs, and more. There is something for everyone from projects, originals, and restored vehicles. It's a Chevy dream," says Yvette VanDerBrink of VanDerBrink Auctions. For all the seekers of GM Horsepower, you won't to miss this auction. The auction will be held onsite at the Minot Fairgrounds on August 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30AM and also for online bidding through [www.proxibid.com](http://www.proxibid.com). All the GM Treasures will be sold No Reserve to the highest bidder. You won't want to miss this auction if you've been looking for GM Horsepower. So plan now to be in Minot, ND and satisfy your Sweet Tooth with some GM Muscle! For more info, pictures, and more auctions [www.vanderbrinkauctions.com](http://www.vanderbrinkauctions.com) or call VanDerBrink Auctions. 605-201-7005. For sneak peeks, video and more follow us on Facebook!