George "Robert" Mitchell Jr.

November 12, 1930 - June 1, 2007

A memorial service for George "Robert" Mitchell, Jr., 76, will be conducted at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with the Reverends Lori Modesitt and Jill Zimmerschied officiating. Inurnment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland.

Robert died Friday, June 1, 2007, at the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming, following an extended illness.

Robert was born on November 12, 1930, in Wheatland, the son of George R. and Gladys T. (Patton) Mitchell. Robert was reared on the Mitchell Ranch and attended school at the ranch. He attended high school in Wheatland graduating in 1948. He married Doris Dell Hankins on January 25, 1954. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, spending his enlistment time in Germany. After his time in the military, he returned to Wheatland to help manage the family ranch. Robert was an avid horseman, who trained horses for the ranch and the roping arena. He excelled at both calf roping and team roping. Other areas of interest were showing cutting and reining horses. After his children were old enough to participate in sports, he and Doris spent many weekends following the various events. During the summer months, the whole family participated in rodeo and team roping events. Robert was a member of the Rodeo Cowboys Association, United States Team Roping Championships, American Quarter Horse Association, Wyoming Stock Growers Association, and served as a board member of Platte County School District #5 in several capacities. Mitchell Ranch was recognized in 2007 by the American Quarter Horse Association for its achievement of breeding Quarter Horses for over 50 years.

Robert is survived by three sons: Wade and wife, Jeannie of Wheatland, Lane and wife, Dee of Casper, Wyoming, Jock and wife, Tracy of Crowheart, Nebraska; a daughter, Carrie Rice and husband, Terry of Wheatland; a sister, Barbara Roff and husband, Jim of Wheatland; two granddaughters; six grandsons; two great grandsons; one great granddaughter; and a niece, Elizabeth Swanson and husband, Tracy of Big Horn, Wyoming.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Doris on January 23, 1999; a son, Miles Mitchell on July 5, 1982; grandson, Taylor Mitchell; and a daughter-in-law, Ronda.

Memorials to a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family.

Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.