## **Duane Willadsen**

July 12, 1923 - March 8, 2006

Funeral services for Duane Willadsen, 82, were conducted at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 14 at Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel in Wheatland, with Donna Dolan with the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Cheyenne, officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at United

Medical Center West in Cheyenne.

Duane was born July 12, 1923, in Cheyenne, the son of Anna Marie (Gensel) and Steven Haarup Willadsen. He was reared and educated at Granite Canon, Wyo. and graduated from Cheyenne High School. He moved to the Willadsen Ranch on Cottonwood Creek north of Wheatland in 1947, ranching with his father and brother. Duane served in the United States Army during World War II. He

was a member of the Wyoming Stockgrower's Association, American Hereford Association, and Wyoming Farm Bureau.

Survivors include a brother, Jack Willadsen of Wheatland, and two nephews, Bill Kesner of Sheridan, and Steve Burnett of Wheatland.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ellen Marie Burnett on Feb. 7, 2006.

Serving as pallbearers will be Tom McLoughlin, Jim Willadsen, Cody Burnett, Dave Kesner, Matthew Kesner and Pat Souza. Honorary pallbearers will be Martin Ferguson and Mort Clark.

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.