

YOST, RAYMOND LEE
January 14, 1926-February 19, 2010

A funeral service for Raymond Lee Yost, 84, was conducted at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, February 22, 2010, at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland, with Rev. Lori Modesitt officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Friday, February 19, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland after several years of enduring many health problems. He fought a hard fight.

Raymond was born January 14, 1926, in Quapaw, Oklahoma, the son of William McKinley and Elma May Pearl (Graham) Yost. A farming family, the Yost's moved to Wyoming when Raymond was two years old. Raymond graduated from Wheatland High School in 1944 and served in the United States Army from August 15, 1945 to May 31, 1947. He married Bette Phillippi on November 18, 1951, in Wheatland, and they soon began their family of three sons, Ron, Don and Troy. In 1958, Raymond, Bette and their sons moved to the Phillippi family ranch where Raymond continued his involvement until his death.

Raymond was proud to have a pilot's license. In his younger years, he rode saddle broncs and bulls. He worked 14 years for WYCO Pipeline; however, his passion was horses. He was a lifetime member of the American Quarter Horse Association and received an award to 40 years continuous quarter horse breeding.

He did it all, from show horses to racehorses in the state of Wyoming and won many Derby and futurity races from Montana to New Mexico. He also won many adult barrel races. He was an officer in the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association, a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Wheatland Country Club; and was on the board of directors of the Wheatland Irrigation District for 18 years.

Survivors include his wife, Bette of Wheatland; a son, Don Yost of Wheatland; a brother, Dale Yost of Pensacola, Florida; four granddaughters, Sommer (Matt) Maier of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Brittany (Dan) Nicholls of Billings, Montana, Bailey Yost of Casper, Wyoming and Darbi Yost of Wheatland; and three great-granddaughters, Harlea, Raeghan, and Cambry. He loved his family with all his heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons, Troy Ray Yost on November 16, 1992 and Ron Lee Yost on July 22, 2002; three brothers, Clyde, Don and Bob Yost; and a sister, Margaret Fieth.

Serving as pallbearers were Jeremy Evans, Brad Wilson, Jim McAuley, Ray Hunkins, Mark Good, Jeff Phillippi, Dean Finnerty and Clyde Harris. Honorary pallbearers were Dutch Berg, George Good, Jack Finnerty, Keith Anderson, Gene Hayes, Bill Jones and Bob Grant.

Memorials to the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home, P.O. Box 1148, Wheatland, WY 82201-1148 would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Gorman Funeral Homes-Platte Chapel.