

John F. "Red" Baker

May 8, 1936 – October 25, 2008

A funeral service for John Franklin "Red" Baker, 72, was conducted at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008, at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Pastor Delbert Dick and Pastor David Dick officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died suddenly in the early hours of Saturday, October 25, 2008, after a brief illness at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

John was born May 8, 1936, in Wheatland, the son of Ralph H. and Zelma Beatrice (Foland) Baker. He was a lifelong resident of Platte County residing in the Slater Area; and, graduating with the Wheatland High School class of 1954. He spent his life doing what he loved as a wheat farmer and Angus seed-stock producer. The past 20 years, he owned and operated an additional business, Wyoming Ag Products. It consisted of marketing his own livestock label of livestock mineral supplements. He worked with a chemist and nutritionist in the livestock industry to develop his mineral products. He also sold seed for Sharp Bros. Seed Company out of Greeley, Colorado. John dedicated himself to many outside civic duties including serving two terms on the Platte County School Board and nine years on the Wheatland Rural Electric Association Board. Those years with the REA included the time involved with the beginnings of the Mis-

souri Basin Power Plant, that is now a vital part of Wheatland and Platte County.

Survivors include his wife, of 52 years, Betty L. (Graves) Baker of Wheatland; three sons, John Eric "Jeb" Baker and wife, LaLonda of Brush, Colorado, Brad L. "Boog" Baker and wife, Rachael of Wheatland, and Darin J. Baker of Ventura, California; a brother, Eston D. Baker of Gardnerville, Nevada; sister, Jean Wagner of Wheatland; six grandchildren, John Austin Baker of Newcastle, Brad James Baker of Rawlins, Wyoming, Ralph Corbin Baker of Wheatland, Riley D. "Harley" Baker of Bush, Colorado, Shala Meredith of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jourdan Cancino of Wheatland; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Brett G. Baker; a sister, Iva Redding; and a brother, Edgar Baker.

Pallbearers were his six grandchildren and honorary pallbearers were Richard Marker, Larry Cundall, Erik West, Tim West, Rod Vineyard, and Willard "Tony" Weber and all of his many, many friends.

Memorials to Slater Hall Corporation or American Missionary Fellowship in care of Platte Valley Bank, P.O. Box 337, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

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



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