

James V Ballard Succumbs at 72

James Victor Ballard passed away Saturday, April 22, at his home at 1203 10th Street in Wheatland. He was 72. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 25, 1978 at the Schrader-Prell Chapel by Dan Barcus. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Cary Farstad, J.D. Vineyard, Chuck Shellhard, Dan Brecht, Phil Kahler and Rod Shellhart. Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Vic was born to George and Nellie Ballard August 8, 1905 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He moved to the Wheatland area with his family when he was seven. The family homesteaded in the Dwyer area. Vic worked on the family ranch, leaving home later to work on ranches in the area. He was working for his future wife's uncle when he and Mary met. He and Mary Rutherford were married September 6, 1930 in Wheatland. They ranched with her father in Glendo for two years. The couple then moved to the Laramie Peak area in 1934 and ranched on this place until their retirement in November of 1977.

He is survived by his wife, Mary of Wheatland; two daughters, Vashti Hassinger of Cheyenne and Mary Jo Preuit of Lovell; one brother John of Wheatland; four sisters, Letha Snakenberg of Hood River, Oregon, Ruby McConnell of Chugwater, Carrie Aden of Denver, Colorado, and Belle Johnson of Wheatland; and six grandchildren.

A memorial has been established to the Platte County Senior Citizens Center.

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