

Arlo Frances Bowen- 1917 to 1997

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several years. He also served as the Wheatland Co-op President being actively involved in the agricultural community for several decades. The Laramie Peak Museum on 16th Street is built on land donated by Arlo. Along with other members, Arlo was one of the founders of the Wheatland Country Club. He was also involved in the addition of the Golf Club's cart shed, pond development and the shelter on #5. Arlo and Mickey ran several bands of sheep numbering 1,500 per band in the 1960's. Many towns-people recall when the sheep were brought down from the Laramie Plains adjacent to town and even aided Arlo through blizzards and floods. Arlo was forever a sportsman beginning with boxing in high school. He continued competing on softball teams in the summer and pool in the winter. Arlo was an avid hunter, enjoying the company of his hunting buddies as much as the hunting itself. Arlo would love the trip, company, and always insisted on doing the cooking much to everyone's delight. Archery shoots was one more way for Arlo to enjoy being with friends and competing. After retiring, Arlo continued to enjoy horseshoes, cards, and his favorite way to bet, golf. He loved dancing and music and continued dancing with the nurse's aids at the nursing wing, keeping everyone's spirits up with his great smile.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mickey Bowen; two sons, Jerry Bowen and Pat Bowen; daughter, Connie Twiford all of Wheatland; three grandchildren, Kerri Twiford Mueller of Cheyenne, Robert Twiford and Valerie Bowen Rietz of Wheatland; two brothers, Louis Bowen and Joe Bowen of Wheatland; two sisters, Charlotte Winburn Markham of Wheatland and Ann Holm Duffy of Laramie, four great grandsons, Dillon, Dalton, and Jeddrik Rietz and Chase Mueller; and a great granddaughter, Mikia Mueller.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Eileen Cook and Mary Snell Maul. Serving as pallbearers will be his nephews, Lyle Snell, Gene Winburn, Larry Winburn, Clifford Winburn, Arlo L. Bowen, Bob Bowen, and Rick Bowen. Honorary pallbearers will be George Bartholomew, Earl Ferguson, Gene Hayes, Tom Finnerty, Kohn Artery, and all of his many other friends.

Memorials to the Platte County Memorial Hospital, Swing Bed Unit/Future Alzheimer's Unit, 201 - 14th Street, Wheatland, WY 82201, would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the funeral chapel on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial services for Arlo Frances Bowen, 79, will be held Wednesday, July 23, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Wheatland, with Father Donald Barnd as Celebrant. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Arlo died Friday, July 18, 1997, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland, following an extended illness.

He was born August 21, 1917, at home in Wheatland, the son of LeRoy and Luella (Jesmer) Bowen. He was raised and educated in Wheatland, graduating from Wheatland High School in 1936. Arlo worked on a pipeline as a welder until moving to Denver, Colo., in 1937 to attend barber school. He then worked as a welder in Colorado on the Green Mountain Dam where he met Mary Melissa (Mickey) Wilson. They were married October 25, 1941, in Denver and moved to Wheatland in 1943 to begin farming on Highway 34, near Cooney Hills. Arlo and Mickey moved to their homestead of 50 years in October, 1947, located adjacent to Wheatland's 16th Street. Arlo installed a tile drainage system which reclaimed the marshland for a mile west of Wheatland. Arlo's farming ingenuity helped create the Druby stacker, 'sputnik' irrigators and the irrigator's hand lotion, "That Stuff". Arlo was an active member of the Moose Lodge serving as Governor for