

Francis James "Frank"

Boyd

5-11-1998

Services for Francis James "Frank" Boyd, 86, were held Friday, May 15, at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland, Wyo. with the Reverend Les Ludlam officiating. Internment was in the Wheatland Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites by Wheatland Lodge #16 AF & AM.

Frank died at his ranch in Centennial, Wyo., on Monday, May 11. He was born April 1, 1912 in Wheatland, Wyo., the second child of Adam and Margaret (Irvine) Boyd. He was reared on the family ranch west of Wheatland, attending grade school on the ranch and high school in Wheatland.

As a young boy, he worked for his mother's brothers, Bill and Ned Irvine on their ranches at Centennial. He then purchased the Fred O. Gibbs Ranch which adjoined his parents' ranch and began his career in ranching. Together with his father they purchased land on the Laramie Plains for summer pasture from the Swan Land and Cattle Company. A few years later he bought the adjoining Kite Ranch and ranched until 1976 when he sold the ranch. He purchased a home in Laramie where he resided until his death.

At the age of 81 he acquired a ranch in the Centennial Valley and ran a haying operation there, doing the work himself. Frank was a member of the Wyoming Stock Grower's Association, Wheatland Masonic Lodge #16 AF & AM, Wyoming Consistory and Shriner's and a 50 year member of Order of Eastern Star. He loved the sport of rodeo and attended the Calgary Stampede and National Finals many times and enjoyed many hours watching rodeo on television.

Frank is survived by his brother, William I. "Bill" Boyd of Wheatland; a niece, Virginia Anderson of Wheatland; a nephew, Kenneth J. Boyd of Marengo, Ill.; great nieces and nephews, Cheryl Deuel of Guernsey, Wyo., Scott Woolsey of Wheatland, Staci Wiley of Chandler, Ariz., Dawn Frager of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Tyler Boyd of Wheatland, Wyo; and ten great-great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Nora Boyd; and several aunts and uncles. Serving as Pallbearers were Tyler Dodge, David Dodge, Johnny Hall, Scott Woolsey, Tyler Boyd, and Hardy von Forell.

Honorary Pallbearers were Budd Palmer, Owen McGill, Les Gore, Everett Waln, John Hall, and Carl Lankford.

Memorials to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Memorial Fund-Intermountain Unit, Virginia St. at Fairfax, Salt Lake City, UT. 84103 would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.