

Dies instantly as tractor overturns

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Donald Ray Brawner, 24, died instantly Sunday, July 22, when a tractor overturned and pinned him beneath it.

Brawner had been haying on the Hugh McDonald ranch when he left it on a tractor, with Mr. McDonald, to pull his car out of the creek where it was stuck. The chain broke and he drove the tractor across the creek to the other side, and as he was turning back the tractor overturned upon him. Mr. McDonald went for help and it was necessary to get a tractor from Harold Piper in order to move the other tractor off the body after attempts by a half dozen men were unsuccessful.

The deceased was born in Wheatland March 24, 1938, and spent most of his life here. He had lived in the Chugwater area for the past five years and was considered a top ranchhand by his former employers, Harold Piper and Hugh McDonald. He had been on the McDonald ranch for the past year.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his mother, Mrs. Dollie Brawner, Chugwater; two sisters, Mrs. Leland Duff, Wheatland and Mildred Brawner, Chugwater. His father, Hershel Brawner, preceded him in death in 1951.

Services were held from the First Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m. with Rev. V. M. Kruse officiating. Burial was in the Wheatland cemetery. Pallbearers were Neil Anderson, Don and Dave Geringer, Richard Snook, Bill Baker, and Denzil Cochran.