

John Lambert Cadwalader Bunker

April 14, 1961 – August 9, 2011

A funeral service for John Lambert Cadwalader Bunker, 50, was held Saturday, August 13, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at the Wheatland Middle School Gym in Wheatland, Wyoming with Reverend Lori Modessitt and Reverend Joel Dingman officiating and Eulogist Rex Johnson.

John Bunker a resident of Wheatland died Tuesday August 9, 2011 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland of natural causes.

John was born April 14, 1961 in New Orleans, Louisiana to John B. and Emma (Cadwalader) Bunker. He grew up following his father around the sugar industry until his father purchased a ranch near Elizabeth, Colorado, where they raised Charolias. He was an avid soccer fan and played year-round including his first two years at Colorado State University. He worked at the CSU dairy, and then became involved in farming while obtaining a degree in farm and ranch management. After graduation, he bought a farm in Wheatland to start building the registered herd. He and his dad later acquired the DMO ranch for summer pasture.

John married Shana Ely on July 24, 1992 in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. He and Shana continued to expand the operation with additional heifer back-grounding. In 1995 he became a partner in the purchase of the Brown Company, with locations added in Torrington, Wyoming and Riverton, Wyoming.

John was very proud of his children and all of their accomplishments and enjoyed spending every opportunity watching their sporting events or gathering the clan for quality laughs. He enjoyed serving the community. He was a Little League coach and umpire, Legion Lobos Board member, First State Bank Director, Platte County Hospital Board Chairman, and Episcopal Diocese Foundation Board member. John was the presiding President of the Far West Equipment Dealers Association and took great pleasure in all the discussions and camaraderie at the meetings and conventions.

John is survived by his wife, Shana; children, Christina (Trevor) Bekken, James (Jen), Hannah, Jared, Marel (Zac) Adams, Merit and Muira; mother, Emma; sisters, Emma, Jeanie, and Harriet; brother, Lambert; and a grandchild due in November.

Serving as pallbearers were Ted Bentley, Pork Hohnholt, Steve Sherard, Jerry Gebhart, Juan Reyes, and Marty Shepard.

In lieu of flowers memorials to the John C. Bunker Scholarship Fund in care of First State Bank, P.O. Box 39, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.gormanfh.com.