

James Leo Laycock

Memorial services for long-time Wheatland rancher, James Leo Laycock, 83, will be held on July 13, 1995 at All Saint's Episcopal Church in Wheatland by The Right Reverent Mary Ann Lacey. Mr. Laycock died June 17, 1995 at Friendship Village Health Care Center in Tempe, Ariz. Cremation has taken place.

Born June 15, 1912 in Cheyenne to Percy and Catherine Laycock, he grew up on his parent's ranch near Chugwater.

On December 19, 1940, he married Margaret Dodge Phifer. They spent their lives in ranching near Wheatland, and in professional rodeo. Mr. Laycock was an original member of the Cowboy's Turtle Association, which was the predecessor of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association; of which Mr. Laycock was a lifetime Gold Card member.

He was noted for his calf and team roping abilities, and in his later years was an active member of the Wyoming Steer Roping Association as a champion Steer Stopper.

A left-handed roper, Mr. Laycock continued to rope until his 80th year. Until June, 1994 Mr. and Mrs. Laycock continued to live in Wyoming, wintering in Arizona.

In 1994 they established residency at Friendship Village in Tempe, Arizona. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, on December 21, 1994.

Besides his wife, Mr. Laycock was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Maurice; and two sisters, Barbara Laycock and Jo Whalen.

Survivors include his stepson, Tom Phifer, Gilbert, Ariz.; two sisters, Marguerite Hacker and Alice Morey both of Cheyenne, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Alzheimer's Association, 2323 South Hardy Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282, the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital, Virginia St. and Fairfax, Salt Lake City, UT 84103, or to a charity of choice.