

Edgar Archie McAuley

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Funeral services for Edgar Archie McAuley, age 98, were held at the Platte Funeral Chapel in Wheatland, Nov. 10, with the Rev. Dr. James S. Vuocolo officiating. Interment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. McAuley died Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Edgar Archie McAuley was born Oct. 27, 1891 in Statesville, N.C., the son of Ephium Ranson McAuley and Martha (Williams) McAuley. He was raised and educated in North Carolina.

In 1914, he came to Wheatland and worked on various ranches. In the 1930's, he purchased his own ranch. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I. He remained in Wheatland and spent his retirement years in the area.

He was an avid fisherman and liked to garden. He was also a member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association.

He is survived by a brother, J.O. McAuley of Statesville, N.C., and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Earl, Francis and Clem McAuley.

Serving as pallbearers were William McAuley, Edgar McAuley, Frederick Mastroina, Kenneth Kuntz, Richard McAuley and D.L. Wilson. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Buddy Wilson, Julius Galligar and Florence Montgomery.

A memorial fund has been established for the Heart Wing at the Natrona County Hospital in Casper.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of arrangements.

The following poem, written by the late Billy Montgomery, is dedicated to his cowboy friends, many of whom have passed away. The poem was provided by members of the McAuley family.

"A cowboy friend has gone ahead,
Called by our Boss to His side.
Yes, many cowboys of years gone by
Have crossed the Great Divide;
One by one we follow them
At our Master's call some day,
And the trail to the right will lead to his side
Of his camp fire light far away."