

James Bertram McCartney

July 20, 1915 – May 18, 2014

Funeral services for James Bertram McCartney, 98, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 23 at the Memorial Baptist Church in Wheatland with Pastor Craig Cagle officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

James McCartney passed away peacefully Sunday, May 18 at the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home in Wheatland.

James was born at Cedar Bluffs, Kan. on July 20, 1915 the son of Benjamin Eltie and Bessie Matilda (Snodgrass) McCartney.

He attended schools in Decatur County, Kan. He graduated from the Oberlin High School, where he played football and was a wrestler.

Leaving Kansas, he found work at Hawk Springs as a ditch rider repairing canals and delivering irrigation water. Later he worked for Middlesworth Hereford Ranch.

Leaving Goshen County he went to Esterbrook in Converse County. It was there while he was working in the timber that he met a school teacher, Nila Rebekah "Becky" Mills, who he married June 8, 1938 in Douglas.

Together they fared in the Wheatland area on the Bill Ryff, Gus Graffie, and Ben Hall farms. They moved to Glenrock where they farmed and raised cattle. Later they returned to Wheatland where they bought the Norvel farm, continuing to farm and raise cattle.

They bought a small acreage to live on in retirement, but James never really retired. He worked for the Wheatland Irrigation District, also helping a son with his farming.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters; two brothers; his wife, Becky, on Oct. 16, 2008; two sons, Thomas Joel McCartney on Jan. 5, 2000 and James "LeRoy" McCartney on Feb. 8, 2009; one granddaughter; and two great grandchildren.

He is survived by two sons, Robert (Mary Jane) McCartney of Wheatland and Marion (Debbie) McCartney of Elk Mountain; daughter-in-law, Mary Lynn McCartney of Wheatland; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, friends, and neighbors.

A memorial to the Make a Wish Foundation of Wyoming, 201 East Second Street, Suite 27, Casper, Wyoming 82601 or to Chairbound Hunters, P.O. Box 711, Wheatland, WY82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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

Condolences may be left for the family at <http://www.gormanfh.com>