

MILLS, MARVIN ROGER
April 5, 1919-June 2, 2009

Marvin R. Mills, 90, passed away in Phoenix, Arizona on June 2, 2009. He was born in Wheatland, Wyo. April 5, 1919 to Roger and Lucile Mills. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Harry Mills and Raymond Mills, and sister, Helen Cook and survived by sister Marian Peek of Casper.

Marvin attended Wheatland schools, graduating with the class of 1937. In June 1941, he married June Shrader. He was engaged in farming for several years before becoming a carpenter. He spent the remainder of his working years in construction and built bridges in various parts of the state, as well as many commercial buildings in Wyoming, Nebraska, New Mexico and Arizona, holding the position of superintendent or project manager. While in Wheatland, he was in partnership with George Pauli and later with his son, Alan Mills.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Wheatland and attended Mountain View Christian Church while living in Phoenix.

After retiring in Phoenix, Marvin enjoyed driving a mule team at Rawhide Western Frontier Town near Scottsdale for ten years. Marvin had a lifelong passion for horses and the history of the west, particularly Platte County, and was a walking encyclopedia on these subjects. He had amassed a large collection of draft horse equipment which he later sold at auction in Wheatland, attracting buyers from many states. Even though he spent the last 30 years in Arizona, Marvin's heart was always in Wyoming and he attended many Wyoming reunions in Phoenix.

Marvin was known for telling stories about the old days, and for his sense of humor, which he maintained until the end. He was a man of integrity and a devoted family man who enjoyed the time he was able to spend with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Marvin is survived by his wife June, and son, Alan Mills of Phoenix, daughter, Nancy Bachmann of Medford, Ore., grandchildren, Scott Bachmann, Dana Brownlee, and Leah Balsa, great-grandchildren, Reya and Kei Bachmann, Tyson, Cody and McKenzie Brownlee, as well as many nieces and nephews.

At his request, no service was held. Inurnment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.