

County ranchers, on November 23, 1924. To this union were born two children, Barbara Mitchell Roff and Robert Mitchell, both of Wheatland. Robert, with the assistance of his wife and five children, continues to operate the HR Ranch.

Mitchell served a term in the 35th Wyoming legislature and served twelve years as a Platte County Commissioner. He was a member of the Wyoming Stockgrowers Association, a charter member of the Laramie Peak Stockgrowers Association, a member of the American Quarter Horse Association and of the executive committee of the National Cutting Horse Association.

Mitchell learned the rudiments of ranching well and his long years of association with that industry made him one of its very colorful and outstanding members. He had a "tell it like it is" approach to life. His often simple statements made a lasting impression on his family and community for his remarks always had the ring of complete honesty, both in regard to himself and to his neighbors.

Stockmen recognized his ability in handling horses and his physical agility and alertness made him the envy of those who worked stock around him. Whenever Mitchell had a horse on the end of a rope, both observers and the horse knew the horse was caught. His sister recalled that while George was supposed to be attending school in Glendale, he would slip off to ride as an extra and a stuntman for the Tom Mix picture industry. Perhaps it was this additional training that enabled him to work around snakey horses and spooky cattle with a minimum of injury to himself. This skill built confidence in the other cowboys, too. A lifetime fellow rancher once remarked, "We all felt just a little better whenever George was there."

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 4, at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Syd Hoadley and Legrande Page officiating. Pallbearers included Wade Mitchell, Lane Mitchell, Jock Mitchell, Miles Mitchell, Tracey Swanson and Scott Jones.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys; a daughter, Mrs. James Roff; a son, Robert, six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren; all of Wheatland. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Margaret Wilson of Glendo, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters. Mrs. Ruth Fancher and Mrs. Jeannie Wilson.

Friends who wish may contribute to a Memorial Fund which will be established for a Platte County horsemanship project to be determined at a later date.

George R. Mitchell

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