

Joseph Harry Morris

5-25-1989

Funeral services for Joseph Harry Morris Sr., 72, were held on Saturday, May 27, 1989, at 2 p.m. at the Platte County fairgrounds with Dan Barcus officiating. He died on May 25, 1989, in the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland following a short illness.

Joseph Harry Morris was born in Axial, Colo., on July 4, 1916 to Harry and Grace (Collem) Morris. He was reared and educated in the Craig, Colo., area.

On June 29, 1937 he and Joyce Ganyon were married at Craig. In 1939 they moved to Encampment where Joe ranched and worked in the timber. Joe served on the Encampment School Board and the Carbon County Fair Board for a number of years.

In his younger years, Joe worked all events of the rodeo, including saddle bronc, team roping and calf roping. It was often said the team roping was not over until Slim Kraft and Joe Morris roped.

In 1967 Joe and Joyce moved to the Wheatland area where he ranched. On May 29, 1976, Joe married Lodisa Haynes. In later years they managed the Interstate Service Station in Wheatland. They retired in November of 1988.

Survivors include his wife Lodisa, sons Joe Morris Jr. (Sonny) of Viburg, S.D., and Ray Morris of Wheatland, step-son Wayne Milton of Cheyenne, step-daughter Shirley McLelland of Wheatland, five grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, three great grandchildren and five step-great grandchildren.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife Joyce in 1975 and brother Edwin in 1947.

Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery. Pallbearers were Tim Robertson, Guy Faris, Alan Utter, Fritz Huckfeldt, Bill Goddard and Warren Ryff. Honorary pallbearers were Slim Kraft, Cary Vyvey, John Bell, Chester Daly, Austin Maguire, Earl Werner, Bob Roger and Jim Stevenson.

Memorials are to be to Friends of the Fair, c/o Jim Carmin, Box 236, Wheatland, 82201.

The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of arrangements.