

Monoxide gas kills three of Larry Mylet family

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The tragic and sudden deaths of three members, and the hospitalization of one, of the Larry Mylet family Friday night, May 29, caused great sorrow to the Wheatland area.

Lawrence John Mylet and his two sons, Hugh Lawrence and Colin John, were found dead at their ranch home about 35 miles west of Wheatland, in Albany county, and Mrs. Mylet was unconscious.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall, parents of Mrs. Mylet, had gone to Wheatland that afternoon. Upon their return Ralph went to visit the family and found 4-year old Colin in bed on the main floor, Hugh and his parents were found in the basement. Ralph rushed to town to notify authorities, and upon the arrival of County Sheriff Bill Sutherland, Dr. Wm. E. Rosene and Ted S. Schrader, they found Sheila with a slight heart beat. Artificial respiration and oxygen were administered and she was rushed to the Platte County Memorial hospital, where she is recovering. She was able to attend the Rosary services Monday night and last rites Tuesday afternoon, but is still under observation.

Blood samples were sent in for a determination of the cause of death, and a report shows they died of carbon monoxide poisoning. It has been thought that a combination of low-hanging clouds and the humid weather caused the gas fumes to remain in the flue and not be carried away.

Larry was born September 11, 1929, in Wheatland, the son of John and Kathryn Kuiper Mylet. He was reared on a ranch and attended the local school where he graduated.

He was a veteran of the Korean conflict, and upon his return and after his marriage, he and his wife returned to ranching at the Cuba ranch in North Albany county, owned and operated by his father-in-law.

He was a deputy brand inspector and was quite active in the Laramie Peak Stock Growers.

Full military honors were given him at graveside.

Surviving are his wife Sheila; parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Mylet, Wheatland; two brothers, Tim of Denver and Dan, of Wheatland, and a host of relatives and friends.

Hugh Lawrence Mylet, age 8, was born in Wheatland February 1, 1956, and at the time of his death was in the 4th grade.

Colin John Mylet, age 4, was born in Wheatland on December 1959.

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall, Cuba Ranch and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Mylet of Wheatland.

Funeral services were conducted from the St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m., with Father Leonard Wren officiating. Burial was in the Wheatland cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ed Russell, Budd Palmer, Fred McGuire, Harold Hilson, Frank Miccelis, Mike Finley, Gene Cunningham and Steve Starr.

*Surviving the two boys
are their mother, Sheila
D. Mylet*