

Greg Poe killed when horse rears backward

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Tragedy struck the Ralph Poe family Wednesday afternoon, when their son Gregory was killed. Greg, age 14 and a student in the 8th grade, was horseback riding with Steve Black and Jimmie Gossen at the west edge of town when the horse he was riding reared and



fell backward. The boy's head struck the ground and he died as a result of a basal skull fracture.

Dr. James G. Allison and Ted Schrader gave mouth to mouth respiration in an effort to save the boy. The fire department was called and the resusitator was used to no avail.

Gregory was born in Florence, Colo. Feb. 11, 1949 and had lived here with his parents for the past eight years. He was a member of Philo A. Goodrich Chapter Order of DeMolay, and affiliated with the Methodist Church.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Poe, a sister Linda; his grandparents, Mrs. Frances Zinn, Pueblo, Colo., J. Gordon Poe, Boulder, Colo. and Mrs. May Thomas, Florence, Colo. Among the aunts and uncles who survive is Harold Garrett of Wheatland.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Methodist church, Friday May 17, at 11:00 a. m. with Rev. Clifford Polson, Sr. officiating, and interment will be in the Wheatland cemetery.

Friends are asked to contribute to the Wheatland Community Scholastic School Fund. Please make contributions to Fred Carnes, chairman of this fund.

Gregory's body will lie in state Thursday evening and Friday, until time of service, at the Schrader chapel. The casket will not be open at the church.