

Albert B. Prather

June 16, 1915-June 12, 2000

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June 12, 2000, just four days short of his 85th birthday, Albert B. Prather passed away at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland, Wyoming.

He came to this earth as the son of William Prather and Betty Haddock Prather at Strang, Oklahoma, in a tent where his father worked for the railroad. January 14, 1946, in

Pueblo, Colorado, Thelda Cooley became his wife. The Prathers left Florence, Colorado, in 1953 for a job with Gilbert Small in Wheatland.

Albert and Thelda have two sons; Wayne lives in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Richard Lee lives in Austin, Texas. Although there are three grandchildren and seven great

grandchildren by birth, there are a host of kids who think of him as Granddad, many to whom he passed on his love and skill with horses.

He continued to ride and work cattle into his 79th year by training his horses to get down on one knee so he could get on more easily.

Along with ranch work, kids and horses were his passion. He always had a story to tell, an adventure to relate, or a bit of teasing to do.

Albert ranched and farmed for numerous people around Wheatland, worked at Lock Trucking. Platte

County Memorial Hospital, was a 50-year member of the IOOF, Wheatland Chapter, Wheatland Bible Church, and in earlier years Platte County Search and Rescue.

He is survived by his wife, sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a myriad of friends who will remember a man always willing to give whatever he had—time, support, or material goods—to anyone who he thought might be in greater need than himself.

Platte Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.