

Andrew Francis Roskie

Services for Andrew Francis Roskie, 93, were held Wednesday, August 26 at Platte Funeral Chapel in Wheatland, Wyo., with Andy Gudahl, Minister of First Christian Church officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery. Mr. Roskie died Saturday, August 22, at his home in Wheatland.

Andrew Roskie was born September 29, 1904, in Dietz, Wyo., the son of George John and Mary Agnes Roskie. His parents were born in Warsaw, Poland and came to America as young children through Detroit, Mich. Andrew was one of nine children and lost both his parents by the time he was nine years old and was raised by foster parents, Elmer and Etha Hagemeyer on a farm a mile west of what became Andrew's farm in later years. He went on his own at the age of 16 to follow the crop harvest to the West Coast. He lived in Idaho, Oregon and Washington doing mostly farm jobs or whatever work he could find. He attended school until the fifth grade and was self-educated from then on. He returned to Wheatland in 1922 and went to work helping build the Little Reservoir west of Wheatland. Later he went to work for Joe Starr and married his oldest daughter, Margaret Elizabeth Starr June 29, 1931 in Greeley, Colo. The Roskie family resided on their farm for 41 years. Andrew was an excellent farmer and had a green thumb. He was in the Top Ten Sugar Beet Growers and raised alfalfa hay and sold all the extra to the Sybille Game Preserve. He raised milk cows and fed steers in later years. When Margaret's health began to fail they sold the farm and moved into Wheatland in 1972. Andrew continued to have a garden and had a beautiful yard. He loved to dance, music, repair items that he bought at garage sales and always kept busy. His mind was sharp and he canned, cooked and took care of himself. In late 1997 his health began to fail but he stayed in control and lived on his own.

Andrew is survived by four children, Barbara Schrang, Roderick Roskie of Afton, Wyo., Eleanor Baird of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Allene Krauss of Kerrville, Texas; 16 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Margaret on Feb. 22, 1992; and eight siblings.

Serving as pallbearers were Alan Bennett, Chris Milano, Warren Lauck, Ronald Roskie, Shane Roskie and John Suntych.

Memorials to Platte County Memorial Hospital, Lifeline Program, 201 - 14th Street, Wheatland, WY. 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.