

Roland F. "Corky" Sherwood

June 20, 1927 – December 20, 2013

Roland F. "Corky" Sherwood, 86, of Wheatland, passed away on Dec. 20 in Cheyenne while recovering from a fall on his farm. His loving wife was by his side.

Corky was born in Hallam, Neb. on June 20, 1927 to Herman and Viola (Hoffman) Sherwood. The family moved to Wheatland in 1928, and Corky grew up on what was known as the "city farm", located northeast of town by the old sugar factory. Corky attended Wheatland schools, and as many young men of those years, completed the eighth grade before quitting school to work on his family's farm.

In the late 40's, while Corky was working at the Pioneer Pharmacy, he met and fell in love with Maxine Burzlaff who had finished her degree in Laramie and was employed at the Wheatland Lumber yard. They were married on Jan. 23, 1949. Shortly after the wedding Corky joined the Wyoming National Guard, and was stationed with his military unit at Fort Campbell, Ky. He was later transferred to Korea, where his assignment found him in charge of a motor unit moving supplies to the front lines.

When Sgt. First Class Sherwood was discharged in 1952, he returned to Wheatland, where he accepted a position with Whitmore Dairy and worked there through their name change to Plains Dairy.

During these early years Corky and Maxine lived on 12th Street and had given birth to two boys and two girls Don, Phyllis, (Phyllis had passed in infancy at about twelve days old) Barbara, and William.

Corky belonged to several local organizations including the VFW and the local Moose lodge. As a Member of the Moose lodge, he worked his way through the ranks eventually becoming the local lodge Governor.

He also joined the Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department, again working his way up the ranks to become the Assistant Fire Chief.

In 1959 Corky accepted a job with "Clack Construction" in order to custom build their own home on the property he and Maxine had purchased north of Wheatland.

In 1962, with the new house finished, Corky opened his own business "Ranchers Feed and Supply". The new business was first located on 8th street inside of the old flour mill.

To help make additional income during this start-up period, Corky also drove a school bus for the Wheatland school district.

His business was open six days a week. His nights and weekends were spent tending his farm and animals. He didn't take much time off, but during hunting season, he always seemed to find time for his favorite activity. He also loved the occasional vacation and San Diego, Calif. was one of his favorite cities.

One year, he volunteered any extra time he could find to assist his friend Ralph Poe to coach their sons little league baseball team, winning the championship. To the delight of the team, the prize was a trip to the Denver Stadium to watch a Big League game.

Corky was able to purchase a new building for Ranchers Feed and Supply, and in 1964 he moved his business into the old REA building at 710 10th street. A devastating fire burned the family business down in March of 1981.

Determined to rebuild, Corky purchased a building on Fertig drive and continued to operate the business until his retirement in 1994. One of the major parts of his business was the addition of the auction house.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years Maxine; children, Donald (Nancy) of Shady Cove, Oregon and William (Denise) of Elk Mountain; grandson, Jason (Teresa) of Laramie; step grand-children, Richelle (Tony) White of Meridian, Idaho and Joseph Silagy of San Diego, Calif.; three step great

great grand-children; brother, James (Verna) of Newburg, Ore.; sisters, Betty Carey of Lander and Shirley Sellers of Hudson, Colo.; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Viola; infant daughter, Phyllis; daughter, Barbara Moffitt; sister, Ruth Robbins; brothers, Barton of Houston, Texas and Homer of Shady Cove, Ore.

The family request that cards of sympathy be

sent to Maxine at her new mailing address: Maxine Sherwood P.O. Box 46 Elk Mountain, WY 82324

Memorial services are pending Maxine's health and weather conditions.

A memorial to the Platte Animal Welfare Services, P.O. Box 1501, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Once determined, the memorial information will be published in the Wheatland paper and han-