

Daniel David Souza 1913 to 1996

Graveside services and interment for Daniel David Souza, 82, were held Saturday, May 18 at the Wheatland Cemetery, with Father Charles Velasquez officiating.

Souza died Wednesday, May 15 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland. Souza was born May 25, 1913, to the parents of Joseph and Mary (Dias) Souza.

He was reared and educated in California.

In his early years he worked with his dad on a dairy farm. He also ran a pack train for the government in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Souza was a ranch foreman in California for one of the largest ranches in San Joaquin Valley. He married Vaudine Gertrude, "Sandy," Sanders Nov. 11, 1940, in Merced, Calif.

On March 21, 1977, he moved to Wheatland and worked at the Two Bar Ranch until he retired in 1988.

A member of the Pro Rodeo Cowboy Association, he was an avid team and calf roper. He enjoyed working, roping and training horses.

Souza is survived by five children, Mary Ellen Cassaro of Cheyenne, Wyo., Bob Souza of Cowdery, Colo., Sharon Souza of Colorado Springs, Colo., Jerry Souza of Wells, Nev., and Pat Souza of Wheatland; two sisters, Thelma Margaretic of Merced and Irene Kovark of San Leandro, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Vaudine on Sept 17, 1978; a son, Donald Souza; a brother; and four sisters.

Serving as pallbearers were all of his many friends. A memorial to the Platte County Memorial Hospital at 201 14th St., Wheatland Wyo., 82201, would be appreciated by the family.

The Platte Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.