

Willard James "Tony" Weber

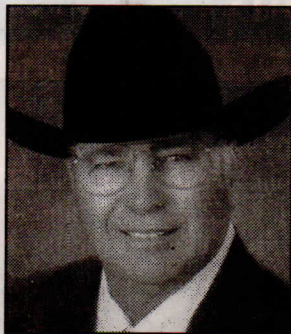
April 17, 1936 – May 7, 2015

A Celebration of Life for Willard James "Tony" Weber will be held Thursday, May 14 at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Wheatland. Longtime neighbor John Thalken will officiate. A viewing will be held Wednesday, May 13 at the Gorman Funeral Home from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tony passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 7 at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper. Tony was born April 17, 1936 in Wheatland, the youngest son of Albert Roy and Sarah Jessie Vera (Brazell) Weber. He grew up on the family wheat farm east of Wheatland, attended the Antelope Gap country school and later went to junior and senior high school in Wheatland. After graduation, he attended the University of Wyoming for one year, where he played on the basketball team. After some time spent working in California, he eventually returned home to the family farm.

Tony started helping his dad in the field when he was 7 years old because all the working-age men were gone to war. This fostered his love for agriculture which continued throughout his lifetime. He was an avid calf roper, rodeo fan, card player, local history buff, and staunch supporter of the Antelope Gap community. He volunteered as a wildland firefighter for over 50 years, serving as Antelope Gap chief for many of those years. He was a member of the local Masonic Lodge #16 for over 50 years, a past member of Laramie Peak Shrine Club, Scottish Rite, and Eastern Star.

Tony proudly served his country for six years in the Army National Guard, earning the rank of



sergeant before being honorably discharged in 1965.

Tony married Sharon Rose Perry and to this union was born a daughter, Toni Anne. He later married Mary Fleming Polk.

Tony is survived by his daughter Toni (Troy Cochran); long-time companion, Linda Graves; surrogate family, Brandon, Kemberly, Kaitlyn, Beckett, and Trevin Graves all of Wheatland; one brother, Wallace

(Donna) Weber of Corvallis, Mont.; nephews, Jay Weber, Kyle Weber, Wade Weber, and Dale Richards; nieces, Beth Darby, Joni Darby, and Jani Summers; and 17 grand nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents; niece, Trudy; brother, Wayne; and wife, Mary.

Serving as pallbearers will be Pat Cullen, Lyndon Miller, David Weber, John Watson, Arland Childers, and Dwight Bratt.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be his card playing buddies and all his many friends.

Memorials may be made to the Antelope Gap Rural Fire District, P.O. Box 521, Wheatland, WY 82201 or the Laramie Peak Shrine Club, c/o John Motes, 1865 Center Street, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Tony will be best remembered for his warm and generous spirit, his candor, and the many jokes and stories that were always on the tip of his tongue.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.gormanfh.com