

WICKAM, DONALD

September 12, 1912-November 24, 1993

Donald Wickam, a longtime resident of Leadville, Colo., and a former resident of Craig, Colo., and Wheatland, died Nov. 24, 1993, in Leadville. He was 81 years old.

Don claimed he was born on the Bard Ranch at Chugwater on Sept. 12, 1912 to Frank M. and Lorena Richardson Wickam. Don attended public schools in Wheatland, then assisted his parents in ranching on the Blue Grass Creek southwest of Wheatland.

He and his first wife, Wilma Preuit, later purchased the Mudd Place on Sybille Creek, southwest of Wheatland. While living there, their son, Robert Eugene, and daughter, Deanne, were born. They later moved to Craig where they ranched and eventually owned and operated the Midwest Café.

In 1965, they moved to Leadville, where they owned and operated the Golden Burro Restaurant until 1978.

Don married Eva Cass on Sept. 18, 1977 and they have resided at 129 East Fifth in Leadville since that date. Don was a member of B.P.O.E. Lodge #1577 in Craig, Colo.

People will remember Don as a tough rancher who loved the outdoors, and at the same time, was a gentle, compassionate, kind-hearted man, with a tremendous sense of humor. Up until the day before his death, he was still joking with the nurses at St. Vincent's.

Ranching was Don's first love, and became his life. But after he retired, he enjoyed walking around town and visiting with people. A very observant person, he never missed anything on these walks.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, Robert Eugene, a sister, Frances Turner, and a brother, Morgan Wickam. He is survived by his wife, Eve, of Leadville, Colo., a daughter and son-in-law, Deanne and Bob Terrell of Nathrop, Colo., one step-daughter and her husband, Pam and Ron Harper of Cascade, Idaho.

Also surviving are two sisters, Eunice Small of Wheatland, and Virginia Baker of Madera, Calif., a brother and his wife, John and Ruby Wickam of Wheatland, two grandchildren, Receene Bernhardt and her husband, Pat, of Buena Vista, Colo., and Don Scott and his wife, Heather, of Canon City, Colo.

His step-grandchildren, Rod Scott and his wife, Corrie, of Craig, Colo., Dean Scott and his wife, Donna, of Canon City, Colo., Garret, Deidra and Kit Harper, all of Cascade, Idaho, and great-grandchildren, Lindsay Scott, Zachary and Alyssa Barnhardt also remain.

At his request, Mr. Wickam was cremated and his ashes will be scattered over the plains of Wyoming. The Leadville, Colo. memorial services were held Nov. 26, at 2 pm at the Bailey Funeral Home, with the Leadville B.P.O.E. Lodge #236 officiating, and Terry Everett reciting some cowboy poetry. Janis Fairchild played the organ.

A memorial service was held in Wheatland Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1993 at 2 pm at the Platte Funeral Chapel.

For those wishing, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made to either S.K.A.T., c/o St. Vincent Hospital, Leadville, Colo., or to the American Cancer Society.

The Bailey Funeral Home of Leadville, Colo. was in charge of the arrangements.