

Jack Willadsen

January 30, 1925 – March 31, 2015

Funeral services for Jack Willadsen, 90, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 at the Gorman Funeral Homes-Platte Chapel in Wheatland with Father Tom Kadera of Saint Patrick's Catholic Church officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery with military honors accorded by the Laramie Peak VFW Post #3358, Ora Call American Legion Post #10, and Wyoming Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors.

Jack Willadsen passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 31 at the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home in Wheatland.

Jack was born in Seattle, Wash. on Jan. 30, 1925 the son of Steven Haarup and Anna Marie (Gensel) Willadsen. He grew up on the family ranch west of Cheyenne, located at Granite Canon. He graduated from the Cheyenne High School in 1943 and was involved in numerous clubs including ROTC and the Shooting Club.

Jack served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II from Aug. 24, 1943 to May 2, 1946. Jack was an Aircraft Electrician and was assigned to the Marine Bombing Squadron 613. Squadron 613 was charged with close troop support and shipping interdiction and saw action in the Marshall Islands of the Pacific. He attained the ranking of Corporal.



At the end of World War II, the family purchased a ranch from the Dobson Brothers north of Wheatland in 1947 forming Willadsen Herefords Ranch. Jack went into ranching with his father, Steven, and brother, Duane, raising registered Hereford cattle. Jack's interests were many, which included raising honey bees, raising orchids in his green house, and compiling an extensive genealogical history tracing the family history back to the

1600's in Denmark..

He is survived by his nephews, Bill (Nancy) Kesner of Sheridan and Steve (MK) Burnett of Wheatland and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his father, Steven, on Feb. 18, 1973; mother, Anna, on April 11, 1989; brother, Duane, on March 8, 2006; and sister, Ellen Marie Burnett, on Feb. 7, 2006.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mitch Kesner, Matt Kesner, Jacksyn Kesner, Dustin David, Pat Souza, and Dean Vermilyea.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Jim Willadsen, David Kesner, and Chase Kesner.

The Gorman Funeral Homes-Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.gormanfh.com