

Robert Mills Grant

December 30, 1926 – March 1, 2012

Robert Mills Grant was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming on December 30, 1926 to Duncan & Cora (Greenlee) Grant. Prior to Bob's birth, his mother spent the preceding month in Cheyenne with her sister due to weather concerns. Always exploring at a young age, Bob would walk along counter-tops in the kitchen or try to shave with his father's straight razor. These actions caused Bob to have two scars below his jaw. While attending various schools around the ranch and in Wheatland, Bob graduated high school in 1944 when he was 17. Being the only male child, he was able to remain at the ranch to provide for the nation during WWII. Growing up on the ranch allowed Bob enjoy his heritage with his sisters Verda & Helen and cousins Ruth Chase & Mickey Grant. Several times, Bob trailed cattle to Chugwater, loaded the livestock on the train and rode with the cattle to the stockyards in Omaha, Nebraska. Soon after high school, Bob married Betty Lou Watson and started a family with the birth of daughter Susan. To provide a home for the family, Bob moved the bank building from Slater, Wyo to the Grant Ranch. Shortly thereafter, Bob took over managing the family ranch from his parents and utilized his ranching skills. Susan worked alongside performing all the duties of a ranch-hand until leaving for college on a rodeo scholarship. In 1970, Bob married Sue Conrad and the family expanded with her children from a previous marriage, David, Tommie Anne and Mary. The new couple also added Mike in 1971 and Matt in 1973. Sue owned & operated the Plains Motel in Wheatland and traded for a house soon after their marriage. Also in the 1970's Bob became active in public office by serving on the Platte County Fair Board and running unsuccessfully for state legislature. In

1981, Sue decided to return to college to pursue a degree in Ft Collins and graduated from Colorado State in the fall of 1984. In 1982, Bob was successful for a bid in the state legislature and began life-long friendships with many legislators, the top five elected officials & Wyoming's federal delegation that all represented Wyoming from the 1980's to present day. Bob continued ranching during his legislative activities and built great friendships with everyone he contacted. After Sue graduated from college, she was diagnosed with cancer and passed away in 1987. All of Bob's children six children worked at the ranch while growing up as ranch hands. This employment allowed all to attend and graduate from college. All are successful with each member facing different sets of obstacles to overcome in life. The Grant Ranch was recognized in 1990 as being a Centennial Farm & Ranch in Wyoming and Bob had played a role in the operation for 60% of the time up to that date. Also during the 1990's the Grant Ranch was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Ranch continues today and operates as pasture land for grazing leaseholders. The final weeks of Bob's life was spent back in Cheyenne where his life began 85 years earlier.

Bob is survived by brother-in-law Robert Wilson, six children, ten grandchildren; Grant Juschka & wife Sara, Garrett Grant, Ben Grant, Alex Grant, Rayne Grant, Ashley Benigni, Lauren Benigni, Brooke Benigni, Haley Gamblin, Rylee Gamblin and three great-grandchildren. Bob is also survived by cousins Ruth (Chase) Irvine & Mickey (Grant) McGuire and both of their spouses. Preceding Bob in death were his parents, sisters, brother-in-law Robert Dey, first wife Betty Lou, second wife Sue and a grandson Quent Juschka.