

Herbert E. Graves

May 9, 1903 – October 14, 2004

Funeral services for Herbert E. Graves, 101, were conducted at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18 at First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland.

Mr. Graves died Thursday, Oct. 14 at the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home in Wheatland.

Herbert E. Graves was born May 9, 1903, in Fort Morgan, Colo., the son of Charles Everret and Lucy (Ripley) Graves. His early education was in Fort Morgan followed by a degree in Animal Husbandry in 1925 from Colorado A & M in Fort Collins, Colo. He and C. Lois Lawrence were married on November 26, 1927, in Scottsbluff, Neb., and to this union five children were born. After farming successfully for 20 years, including the National Skelly Award in 1946,

Herb followed his dream of raising Hereford cattle. Because of his age and family status, he was rejected for service in World War II. He instead served as Morgan County Extension Agent.

Throughout his life, he served on numerous boards and committees in both Colorado and Wyoming. In 1948, he purchased a ranch south of Wheatland where the family has since lived. His introduction to the livestock business included the Blizzard of '49 and the drought years of the 50's. The ranch and herd of Herefords continued to grow and prosper over the years. He thoroughly enjoyed the cowboy way of life with his horses and cattle and he enjoyed reading. On December 31, 1982, Herb married

Lois Simpson Barkley in Fort Morgan. Following her death, he continued to live on the ranch with caretakers until January, 2003, when he became a resident of Platte County Memorial Nursing Home in Wheatland. Herbert E. Graves will be remembered with love and respect by all for his wisdom, fairness, and deep loyalty and pride of his family.



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He is survived by four children, Lucy Ann Flora and husband, David of Ocean Park, Wash., Jean Wiseman and husband, Sherman of Cheyenne, Wyo., John W. Graves and wife, Nancy of Colorado Springs, Colo., and James H. Graves and wife, Donita of Wheatland; a step-daughter, Jacque Aucoin and husband, George of Arvin, Calif.; a brother, Harold Graves of Eugene, Ore.; two nephews; 15 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; and

3 great-great grandchildren; and numerous step grandchildren.

Herb was preceded in death by his parents, two wives, C. Lois on March 8, 1976 and Lois in February, 1997; a son, Willard in 1931; and a sister, Ruth.

Serving as pallbearers will be Josh Graves, Nathan Graves, Bill Flora, Earl Wiseman, Charlie Wiseman, and Eric Wiseman. Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Flora, Jerry Graves, Tim Graves, Brian Graves, and Rob Graves.

Memorials to Platte County Memorial Nursing Home, 201 - 14th Street, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

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