

Joanne "JoJo" Johnson

December 28, 1930 – November 15, 2014

Joanne Johnson, "JoJo" 83, of Laramie, passed away on Nov. 15, at Laramie Care Center. Joanne was born Dec. 28, 1930, to John J. and Martha Jane (Hart) Atkinson of Wheatland Wyoming. Joanne was raised on a ranch outside of Wheatland and an only child, as her twin sister died at birth.

Joanne loved ranching, livestock, rodeo, camping, fishing and hunting. She loved attending Jubilee Days and never missed an event. Whenever she heard a good western beat she became very light on her feet. Until the very end, she prided herself, on how high she could kick in her cowboy boots. Joanne was especially enthralled by Mr. "T" the famous bucking bull from her son-in law Hal Burns' rodeo stock. Joanne loved her pets and always had a warm sleeping cat curled up on her lap and a dog at her feet. Her home was always warm and welcoming and full of house plants that showed another of her talents.

Joanne owned and operated Boyd Stockman with Viggo Klein for several years and then semi-retired, working odd jobs, keeping busy over the years.

When reminiscing old times her favorite stories were the dances held at Hubbard's Cupboard owned by her Aunt Bunny and Uncle Dutch Hubbard, also of Wheatland, Wyoming. Cliff Hubbard, her favorite cousin, played every tune under the stars, that the western people could dance to. The kids remember taking off their shoes and sliding on the slick dance floor, all having a great time.

Joanne was preceded in death by her son Leslie Klein, her parents Jack and Martha Jane Atkinson, her Aunt Cecile Hagenbart, Aunt Bunny, and Uncle Dutch Hubbard.

Joanne is survived by her best friend and father



of her 3 children Viggo Klein of Laramie, a son John Klein and Kathy (Waggoner) Klein, Laramie. Kathleen (Klein) Burns and her partner Jeff Gilgen of Ocala, Fla. Grandchildren: Martha (Klein) VanTassell and husband Brandon VanTassell and their children, Tannon, Riley, Kaelin and Peyton, Kipp Klein and wife Gelsey (Polson) Klein and their 4 boys Bode, Cruze and twins Flynn and Brecken of Ft. Collins Colo.. Kisa Jo (Burns)

Holt and spouse Frederick Holt of Ocala, Fla. and their 2 children Jalen and Kiana Jo. Cade Burns Laramie, Eli Klein and wife April (Barlow) Klein of Gillette and their 2 children Ethan and Kylie Klein. Cousin Cliff Hubbard and wife Marge of Cheyenne, and numerous relatives in the Wheatland area.

Joanne always made light of herself and at every opportunity she had. She passed away at 7 a.m. and she would have said "I couldn't even get riding into the sunset right so I rode into the dawn." Joanne, our fun and loving cowgirl will be missed by family and friends.

Services were held Friday, Nov. 21, at Montgomery-Stryker's with Rhett Ivey officiating. Burial was Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Wheatland Cemetery. Joanne will be laid to rest next to her parents by her request.

After the services a luncheon will be held at the Eagles.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to The Laramie Animal Shelter, 1054 N 5th ST, Laramie WY 82070.

Services are under the direction of Montgomery-Stryker Funeral Home. To send condolences or to sign the online guestbook go to www.montgomerystryker.com.