



## Larry Keith Johnston

*December 18, 1933 - July 4, 2004*

No services will be held at the request of Wheatland resident, Larry Keith Johnston, 70, who died Sunday, July 4, at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland. Cremation has taken place.

Born December 18, 1933, in Wheatland, he was the son of Doval and Marie (Drucker) Johnston; and graduated from Wheatland High School in 1951. He attended the University of Wyoming and graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor of Animal Science degree. In 1957 he received a Masters of Meat Technology from Michigan State University. While in college he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and Alpha Zeta, an ag honor society. He was also a member of the University of Wyoming animal judging team in 1953 and 1954.

In 1958, he served in the Wyoming Army National Guard, attending boot camp at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and received an advanced qualification in welding at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.

Following his time in the service, he worked for the Neubauer brothers, building meat-packing plants in Sidney, Nebraska; Newcastle, Wyoming; and Fargo, North Dakota. In 1962 he became a livestock purchaser for the Gold Ring packing plant in Sidney.

He returned to Wheatland in 1962 following his father's death. He managed Johnston Farms

and traded cattle. In 1991, he went to work for C.H. Brown Company selling farm implements. He held the same position with Brown Company from 1995 until failing health forced his retirement in 2004.

He was a member of the Wheatland Irrigation District Board of Directors for 18 years, serving as chairman for four years. He was also a member of the Platte County Weed and Pest for 21 years, serving as chairman of that organization for ten years. He held the position of president for the Wyoming Weed and Pest for one year. Other memberships included the Wyoming Stockgrowers Association, Wheatland Moose Lodge, Platte County Farm Bureau, Wheatland Masonic Lodge #16, and the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his sister, Jerra Davis and her husband, Ron of Cheyenne; nephew, Devin Davis and wife, Kim and family of Wheatland; niece, Dari Joannides and husband, Chris of Cheyenne; best friend, Jo Clark of Geraldine, Montana; in addition to many faithful family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials to Hospice of Platte County, P.O. Box 1025, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 would be appreciated by the family. Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.