

PAGE, JAMES DARST JR.
August 1, 1930-February 15, 2009

A memorial mass for James Darst Page, Jr., 78, over-the-road truck driver by profession, and cowboy at heart, will be conducted at 10:00 A.M. Friday, February 27, 2009, at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Wheatland, Wyoming with Father Jan Santich as the Celebrant. Inurnment with military rites as accorded by Laramie Peak Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3558 and Ora Call American Legion #10 will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Sunday, February 15, 1969 at the East Texas Medical Center in Athens, Texas following complications from surgery.

He was born August 1, 1930, in Somerville, New Jersey, the son of Marjorie (Johnson) and James Darst Page, Sr. He attended Rutger's Prep in Franklin County, New Jersey, followed by two years of high school in Encampment, Wyoming. He then graduated from Bound Brook High School in 1949. Jim graduated from the University of Wyoming with a bachelors degree in Agriculture. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps; and after one honorable enlistment, he was drafted into the United States Army, serving during the Korean War in the 82nd Air Borne Division. After returning home from the war, he pursued his dream of living as a cowboy. In 1964, Jim was awarded the distinguished Top Young Rancher Award in Laramie, reflecting his dedication to his ambition and dreams.

Survivors include his wife, Ruthie; sons, Jay and Bill; daughters, Lara and Elizabeth; six grandchildren. Other survivors include a cousin, Johnny Buck Page, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Tracy.

Memorials to a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family.

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