

Sheldon B. Patton

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Sheldon B. Patton, 95, died Feb. 12 at the Valley View Care Center in Saratoga, Wyo.

Sheldon was born Jan. 18, 1908 in Esband, Kan., the son of David and Martha Leah Patton.

He moved to Wheatland when he was 10 years old where he received his education.

On Feb. 27, 1944 Sheldon married Geraldine Rugg in Cheyenne. The couple moved to Saratoga and bought the Alameda Ranch on Pass Creek until 1949.

They sold the ranch and purchased the Aden Ranch on Spring Creek which Jim and Marion Berger bought in 1959. Sheldon raised purebred Hereford cattle, ranched during the day and built a large family home at night.

Sheldon and his family moved to Saratoga in 1957 and hauled lumber for R.R. Crow until the mill closed. He then returned to the carpentry profession which he was taught as a young man.

Shell was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club and the Wyoming Hereford Breeders Association.

He was a member of the Saratoga school board of trustees and was a Carbon County commissioner.

As a four time Class A Wyoming State Horseshoe Pitching Champion, Shell was inducted into the Wyoming Hall of Fame for Horseshoe Pitching.

Survivors include Shell's sons; George of Loveland, Colo., and William of Saratoga; two stepsons, Joe Pinney of Powell and Robert Pinney of Colorado Springs; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife Geraldine; a son, David Patton; a daughter Mary Jo Burns Wymore of Ft. Collins, and he was the last surviving member of nine brothers and sisters.

Cremation has taken place in Albany County and services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions in memory of Shelton to the Saratoga Senior Center, Box 651, Saratoga, WY 82331 would be appreciated by the family.