

Willis Mathias

"Bud" Pike

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Willis Mathias "Bud" Pike, age 75, of Roosevelt, Utah, died Oct. 20, 1993 in Duchesne Coounty Hospital of a heart attack. He was born April 13, 1917 in Shelby, Neb., to Mathias U. and Anna Burritt Pike. He married Jean Sornberger, who died Aug. 31, 1983. He then married Katie Liesch on Dec. 10, 1983 in Neola. The marriage was later solemnized in the Provo, Utah, LDS Temple.

Willis was reared in Wheatland and lived here most of his life, until about 1968. He worked in the shipyards of Seattle, Wash., during World War II (he was not eligible for active duty because of a previous injury which took two fingers).

He moved to Casper in about 1968 and was in the plumbing business until he retired and moved to Roosevelt, Utah, in 1979.

His passions were quarter horses and cutting horses. He also enjoyed flying, and had held a private pilot's license and used to own a plane. He played the piano and loved to read.

A quiet, decent man, he made his living as a plumbing contractor and rancher.

He is survived by his wife, Katie, of Roosevelt, Utah, a daughter, Bonnie Fay Horrocks and Willis Pike Jr., both of Salt Lake City, Utah. Also remaining are four stepchildren, three grandchildren, 17 stepgrandchildren and many step-greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Kennedy.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 23, 1993 at 11 a.m. at the Roosevelt LDS Second Ward Chapel. Burial followed in the Wheatland Cemetery on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 11 a.m.

Funeral services were under the direction of the Hurlinger-Olpin Mortuary of Roosevelt, Utah.