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Graveside services and interment for Harold Blair "Shorty or Cowboy" Piper, 83 were held Tuesday, May 19, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Lynn Nikkel of the Memorial Baptist Church officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Piper died Sunday, May 17 at the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home in Wheatland. Harold was born October 19, 1914, in Laramie, Wyo., the son of Fred and Vona (Vee) Piper. He was reared and educated in Laramie and Jelm, Wyo., Harold purchased a ranch in Chugwater, Wyo, and lived and ranched there until 1974 when he sold the ranch. He moved to Las Vegas, Nev., and lived in other areas as well. He returned to Wheatland in 1993 and became a resident of the Platte County Memo-

in 1954. His events in rodeo were bronc and bull riding. He was a member of the Pro Rodeo Cowboy's Association and the National Rifle Association. Received many trophies and awards for his trap shooting and his rodeo events. He rode in rodeos all over the country including Calgary and Madison Square Garden. The "Denver Post" presented him with a pair of silver spurs with a ruby in them and the title, "Hard Luck Cowboy of Cheyenne Frontier Days".

Harold is survived by a daughter, Eloise Gruwell of Las Vegas, Nev.; a step-daughter, Regina Bradford of Hartville, Wyo.; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Duane Piper.

Memorials to the Pro Rodeo Cowboy's Association, 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80919 would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.