

# Thomas Marion Preuit

*April 11, 1937 – January 20, 2011*

A funeral service for Thomas Marion Preuit, 73, was held on Tuesday, January 25th, 2011 at First Christian Church - 95 - 19th Street in Wheatland, Wyoming with Pastors Andy Gudahl and Rick Carroll officiating. Interment was in the family plot at the Wheatland Cemetery.

Tom Preuit a resident of Wheatland, Wyoming died Thursday, January 20th, 2011 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland, Wyoming following a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born April 11th, 1937 in Wheatland, Wyoming the son of Edward Burton and Virgie May (Moore) Preuit. He was raised and educated in Wheatland, Wyoming graduating from Wheatland High School in 1955. He attended the University of Wyoming for the next two years, and following his college education he moved to Hobbs, New Mexico to work in the oil field for a short time.

Upon his return to Wheatland, he married Beverly K. LaFollette on November 21st, 1959, and they just had celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. He began his career in farming and ranching, a love of his life, and also worked part-time at the local Postal Service. Tom was actively engaged in farming and ranching up until his death.

Tom was an extremely hard-working individual and some of his outstanding accomplishments were receiving the "Outstanding Young Farmer Award" numerous times and also being awarded the "Top Ten Sugar Beet Grower" in 1993 and 1996.

Throughout the years, Tom served on numerous boards including, President of the Wheatland Beet Growers Association, President and member of the

Wheatland Jaycees, Wheatland Irrigation District Board, and a member of the local and state Stock-growers Association. Tom was a member of the First Christian Church of Wheatland, Wyoming.

Tom enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, taking care of his ranch and cattle, but the high-light of his life was spending time with his wonderful grandchildren. Tom was a true cowboy-loving rodeo and the cowboy way of life, and never missed the "Daddy of Em' All". Tom loved to dance, enjoyed playing cards, and lived life to the fullest, and was a good friend and neighbor to all!!!

Tom is survived by his wife, Beverly; two children, Tami Finnerty and Tracy Preuit and wife, Kellie; four grandchildren, Katy and Brad Finnerty and Kobey and Kade Preuit; sister, Helen Bauer and husband Bob; and brother, Richard Preuit all of Wheatland, Wyoming.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, Ed, on July 3rd, 1995 and mother, Virgie, on June 30th, 1994.

Serving as pallbearers were Alden Prosser, Gary Gale, George Bauer Jr., Jack Wallis, Ray Bremer, and Larry Lebsack. Honorary pallbearers were all of his many friends.

A contribution to the Tom Preuit Memorial Fund will go to benefit the Wheatland High School Rodeo Club and can be sent to the First State Bank, P.O. Box 39, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201.

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

Condolences to the family can be sent to [gormanfh.com](http://gormanfh.com).



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