

Robert Acier 'Bob' Rice

January 23, 1927 - September 24, 2010

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Funeral liturgy for Robert Acier Rice, 83, was conducted at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Father Jan Santich and Father Alan Hunter as Con-Celebrants. The Vigil for the Deceased was conducted at 6:00 p.m., Monday, September 27, 2010, at Saint Patrick Catholic Church. Interment with military rites conducted by American Legion Post #10 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Laramie Peak Post #3558 was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Friday, September 24, 2010, at the Platte County Memorial Nursing home in Wheatland with his family by his side.

Bob, as he wished to be called, was born January 23, 1927, in Rosedale, Kansas, the son of Acier Robert and Alice Vivian (Wood) Rice. He attended Shawnee Mission High School in Mission, Kansas; and served in the United States Navy during World War II as a radio operator. On August 12, 1950, he married Ruth Mary Koehler in Garnett, Kansas. Being a longtime dream of his, to have a ranch in Wyoming, he and his family moved to Wheatland in August of 1969 where they built and maintained a ranch south of town. He worked as a communications technician for AT&T for 43 years, retiring in 1990.

To all, Bob was a gentle man who never passed an opportunity to say hi or lend a hand to those in need.

He loved family, quiet moments smoking his pipe, and a Wyoming sunset. He and his wife of 54 years raised a family of eleven children and contributed to the community in many ways. In their later years, they spent time traveling to visit their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.



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Survivors include ten children: Virginia Ason of Concordia, Kansas, Mike Rice of Wheatland, Robyne Arata of Venice, Florida, Charlene Fahey of Wheatland, Vivian Rice-Smuin of Las Vegas, Nevada, Tim Rice of Woodland, Washington, Celeste Rhys of Windsor, Colorado, Angela Utter of Douglas, Wyoming, Sean Rice of Lafayette, Colorado, and Kevin Rice of Laramie, Wyoming; 29 grandchildren; and, eleven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ruth on June 4, 2005; a son, Patrick Rice on February 2, 1985; a grandson, Brandon Rice; and a great grandson, Rustle Rice.

Serving as pallbearers were Raoul Laganiere, Wendelin Burgard, Mark Walker, Gary Schaefer, Jon Larscheid, and Chuck Ruwart.

Memorials to Birthright, P.O. Box 98363, Atlanta, Georgia 98363 would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements were under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland. 5L