

Anthony A. "Tony" Rivera

September 10, 1923 - March 18, 1999

Services and interment for Anthony A. "Tony" Rivera, 75, were held Wednesday, March 24, with Reverend Les Ludlam of the United Methodist Church officiating.

Tony died suddenly on Thursday, March 18, in San Jose, Calif.

He was born September 10, 1923, in Romeo, Colo., the son of Ramon and Barbara (Houston) Rivera. He married in Minnesota and had five children, Daniel, Dave, Roger, Joe and Gwen. Tony served in the United States Army from February 1941 to May 1945; and was stationed in Greenland and the United States. Tony married Amelia Chavez and accepted her six children as his own. They lived their early years in Colorado, where he worked as a logger. They spent several years in San Jose, Calif. where he worked for Food Machinery Corporation (FMC). Together they moved to Wheatland to be near and care for Tony's mother, Barbara Aragon. In Wyoming he worked on cattle ranches and for the school district. Tony was active in the Veteran's of Foreign Wars and was very proud of his service. He played softball in a league in Wheatland and somewhere earned the nickname "Gaucho".

He is survived by his sister, Corinne McDonald of Bakersfield, Calif.; four children in Minnesota and one in California; by all six of Amelia's children; and by many grandchildren.

Tony lost his wife, Amelia "Emily" on August 31, 1998, after 45 years of marriage and spent the last six months living with his son, Bill and family in San Jose.

He was a good and gentle man, he was loved by many and will be missed.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements in Wyoming and

Darling Fischer Funeral Home in San Jose, Calif. was in charge of services held in California.