

Laurence Ankeny Rosentreter

May 30, 1908 - April 8, 1999

Laurence Ankeny Rosentreter, 90, rancher and owner of the JY Ranch of Wheatland, Wyo., died Thursday, April 8, in Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland. Laurence was born May 30, 1908, in Wheatland, the youngest son of Gustav and Iva Ankeny Rosentreter. Like his father before him, he was a Wyoming pioneer homesteader and cattle rancher all of his life.

He married Marie Gaddis of Iowa in 1928 and together ranched with Laurence's parents on the ORO Ranch on the Sybille until 1940 when they

relocated to the JY Ranch on Deadhead Creek, land that he had homesteaded in the 1920's. The JY Ranch became their life's work and joy. They had two children. Laurence continued to operate the ranch after Marie's death in 1966. In 1977 he married Marie Swanson of Wheatland.



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Together they enjoyed ranching, traveling and sharing each others families. After Marie's death in 1996 Laurence continued to head the family ranching corporation, his physical involvement diminishing only in the past year.

He had been president of the Sybille Telephone Company and the Laramie Peak Stockgrowers Association. He was a wonderful father and grandfather, a caring and loving husband to two great Maries, and a man who loved and appreciated the land and ranching in Wyoming. He placed great value on his many friendships.

Laurence is survived by his son Larry Rosentreter and his wife Peggy of Cheyenne and by his daughter, Myrtle Marie McCulloch and her husband Clyce of Hot Springs, Ark., his step-sons Tracy Swanson and his wife Liz of Big Horn, Wyo., and Dr. Terry Swanson and his wife Elaine of Littleton, Colo. He also is survived by seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, at the United Church of Christ in Wheatland with the Rev. Darrell Dennis officiating. Cremation took place after the service.

Serving as pallbearers were Cleve Artery, Jack Rhoades, Frank Hester, Rich Harnish, Ben Harnish and Charlie Kerzman. Honorary pallbearers were all his family and his many friends.

Memorials to the Platte County Memorial Hospital, "Family Comfort Room", 201-14 Street, Wheatland, Wyo. 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

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