

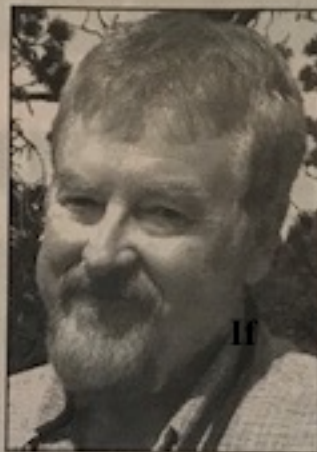
Gale Owen Rutherford

October 14, 1959 – June 9, 2014

Gale Owen Rutherford, 54, of Dwyer, passed away in Cheyenne at the Davis Hospice Center on June 9, 2014.

Born on Oct. 14, 1959, in Casper, Gale was the son of Carl and Helen Rutherford. He grew up on his family farm near Dwyer with his siblings, Kurt and Linda. He attended school in Wheatland, where he was in the National Honor Society, drama, choir, band, and participated in several sports. He graduated from Wheatland High School in 1978. He went on to the University of Wyoming where he earned degrees in Geology and Secondary Education. In 1982, he married Silvia G. Boehm of Long Island, N.Y. After graduation, he ran his family ranch until his death.

Gale was a member of 4-H for many years, during which he won numerous awards, including being the state winner of the 1974 Wildlife Project. He was Consul (President) of his fraternity, Sigma Chi, at UW. He was in the Jaycees for a number of



years and was also a board member of the Platte County Weed and Pest and the Platte County Resource District. In 1990, he received the "Cooperator of the Year" award from the Platte County Resource District. In 2012, his family ranch was recognized as a Wyoming Centennial Farm and Ranch. Gale is survived by his wife; daughter, Elyse; mother; brother; sister; and many cousins. He was predeceased by his father, Carl; uncle, Earl; and nephew, Cody Morgan. In Gale's own words, he loved "taking care of animals while conserving the land." He enjoyed golfing and hiking. He was a wonderful husband, a great father and friend, and he will be missed by all. A "Celebration of Life" service will be held on Monday, June 23, at 11 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Wheatland. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Gale Rutherford Memorial Fund at First State Bank. Funds will be used to support educational causes.