

James N. "Buddy" Wilson

January 12, 1919 – January 18, 2008

A funeral service for lifelong Platte County resident, James N. "Buddy" Wilson, 89, will be conducted at 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 23, 2008, at Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Don Querry officiating. Interment with military rites accorded by Laramie Peak Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3558 and Ora Call American Legion Post #10 will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Friday, January 18, 2008, at the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home in Wheatland.

Buddy was born January 12, 1919, at Uva, Wyoming, the son of Horace Cleveland and Nettie Elizabeth (Bovee) Wilson. He was raised on the family ranch on the North Laramie River. He was inducted into the United States Army on June 1, 1942, where he served as a gun crewman in the 602nd Field Artillery Battalion in the pack mule unit. Buddy was involved in several campaigns including the Aleutian Islands, Rome Arno Rhineland, Central Europe and Southern France. He participated in the Glider Operation during the invasion of France and received the "Thank You American Certificate" from the French government for the liberation of Paris. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Bronze Service Arrowhead, European Theater Medal, Good Conduct Medal,

European African Middle Eastern Medal, and the Carbine Glider Badge. Upon his discharge, he worked on various ranches in Platte and Albany Counties until 1950 when he began working for John Phifer on Chug Creek. He worked for Phifer Ranches for the next 15 years and then went home to help with the family ranch on the Laramie River. Buddy appreciated nothing better than a good horse and good rope.

Survivors include two brothers and their wives, Donald "Skeet" and Berniece Wilson and Harold L. "Shorty" and Pat Wilson; two nieces, Cathy Wilson and Cindy Kahler and husband, Phil all of Wheatland.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Florence Montgomery on February 23, 2002.

Serving as pallbearers will be Dick McAuley, Stephen Shockley, Marcus Anderson, Vincent Anderson, Chris Loyd, and Ed McAuley. Honorary pallbearers will be all of his many friends.

Memorials to a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the funeral chapel on Wednesday from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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