

# Jimmy Gene Wilson

June 12, 1947 – July 14, 2013

A funeral service for Jimmy Gene Wilson, 66, was held 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, 2013 at the First Christian Church in Wheatland with Pastor Chan Bayne officiating and Al Haynes, Sr. as the eulogist. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Jimmy Wilson passed away Sunday, July 14, 2013 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Jimmy was born June 12, 1947, the son of Raymond Earl and Marie Nelle (Searles) Wilson.

Jimmy was reared and educated in Wheatland and graduated from Wheatland High School in 1965. He attended the University of Wyoming and later returned to Wheatland. He ranched and farmed with his father and brother. He married Paula Hollenbeck April 25, 1969 in Wheatland at the Wheatland United Methodist Church. They moved from the ranch to town in 1981. In 1972, they started operating the bowling center. Jimmy was inducted in the Wyoming Bowling Hall of Fame in 1998 and Family of the Year in 1986. Jimmy was a Republican and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

Some of Jimmy's hobbies include photography, hunting, fishing, gunsmithing, boating, woodworking, cutting firewood, outdoorsman, golfing, certified fly fishing guide, watching baseball especially the Yankees and Rockies and most

of all he loved spending time with his family.

Jimmy is survived by his wife of 44 years, Paula Wilson of Wheatland; children, Tyler (Stephanie) Wilson of Lakewood, Colo., Lance "Tuffy" (Amanda) Wilson of Cheyenne and Michael (Deidra) Wilson of Lander; grandchildren, Jordan, Bayden, Leihla and Jonah; step-grandchildren, Asha (Sam) Mullins, Audrey (David) Nightingale, Kip Van Tilburg, Paige Palmer and Lori Palmer; and great-grandchildren, Avari, Kallista and Daxsen.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Wilson on April 19, 1994 and Marie Wilson on Nov. 18, 2006; daughter, Wendy Marie Wilson on Nov. 3, 1970; and brother, Benny Ray Wilson on May 27, 1994.

Serving as pallbearers were Jerry Davis, Gene Davis, Sid Davis, Butch Carress, Juan Soto and Chris Sanderson.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Hugo Lenz, Chuck Witte, Steve Buckner, Cactus Jack Hildebrand, Dennis Keck, Chuck Restemeyer, Ron Nelson, Bobby Wilhelm, Justin Minard and many friends.

Family and friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

A memorial to the Wyoming Bowlers' Proprietor Association-Grand Prix Scholarship, c/o Maynard Stotts, Box 1044 Casper, Wyoming 82601 would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.gormanfh.com](http://www.gormanfh.com).