



George E. Wood 1995

TEN SLEEP — Longtime area resident George E. Wood, 75, died Friday, March 31, at his home north of Ten Sleep.

He was born May 25, 1919 in Worland, a son of George William "Bill" and Catherine Isabelle (McBean) Wood.

He was raised in Riverton and Nowood, and graduated from Riverton High School in 1938. He worked as a ranch hand on the Sweetwater River and in the Big Horn Mountains until entering the U.S. Army in 1941. He served in the cavalry, where he learned how to horseshoe, then became a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division, serving in the Philippines and in the occupation of Japan.

Following the war, he returned to Fremont County where he worked as a cowboy. In 1950 he moved to the Ten Sleep area to work on ranches, and in 1955 he leased the French place.

On July 1, 1951, he married Roberta P. "Bobbie" Holland in Dubois.

In 1957 he started his own ranch, the 1/4 Ranch, on the Upper Nowood. He retired in 1980 and moved to his home north of Ten Sleep. He served on the Ten Sleep School Board, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Game Damage Advisory Board, and on the Ten Sleep Rodeo Committee, was a 4-H leader and was part of the Sagebrush Rebellion. He was a member of the Ten Sleep Masonic Lodge.

He was a member of the Ten Sleep Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and served on the LDS Stake Sunday School Board.

His hobbies included chariot racing and horse shows; hunting mountain lions, mountain sheep and elk; attending athletic events with his grandchildren, and helping friends and neighbors.

Survivors include his wife of Ten Sleep; his mother of Riverton; four daughters, Cathy Spear of Bowman, N.D., Joy Lyman of Ten Sleep, Diane Hawkes of Las Vegas, Nev., and Pearl Decker of Worland; two sisters, Pearl Jones of Malad, Idaho, and Lavonne Pollard of Riverton; and 24 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Doyle Wood.

The service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Worland LDS Stake Center with Bishop John Folsom officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Ten Sleep Cemetery, with the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars providing graveside military honors.

Veile Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.