

# Clyde W. Yost

July 15, 1924 – April 21, 2005

Clyde W Yost passed on to the Lord on Thursday, April 21 in Scottsbluff, Neb.

Clyde was born July 15, 1924 in Wyandotte, Ok. to William McKinley Yost and Elma May Graham Yost. At the age of 6, the family moved to Wheatland, where Clyde attended school, graduating from Wheatland High School in 1943. Along with attending school, he helped his parents on the family farm and loved farming with the mules. Clyde joined the Turtle Association in the early 1940's and rodeo-ed throughout the country for several years.

He worked on various ranches in Montana, Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico in the winter months in order to pay his expenses to rodeo in the summer, competing in saddlebronc, bareback and bulldogging. Family photos and newspaper clippings reflect Clyde competing and winning in places such as Deadwood South Dakota, Cheyenne Frontier Days and Madison Square Garden.

In 1947 after coming home to Wheatland to recover from broken ribs and a broken leg that he had suffered at the hands of a particularly rough saddle bronc, he met Patricia Ann Sparks, marrying Patty on March 20, 1948.

Giving up the rodeo life to devote himself to his family, Clyde worked as a heavy equipment operator around Wyoming, including reconstruction of the highway through the Wind River Canyon between Shoshone and Thermopolis.

Wanting more stability for the family, he went to work for Safeway driving semis, and the family moved to Douglas, later being transferred to Wheatland where they lived for many years. Clyde ranched, earned his auctioneer's license, and became real estate broker.

The family moved to Laramie in 1966 where

Clyde was involved in the development of the Laramie Livestock Exchange before becoming a full-time real estate broker, dealing exclusively in farm and ranch sales. After "retiring", Clyde continued to work, helping friends work cattle, put up hay, and spent several summers driving a water truck for Rissler McMurray. Deciding to leave the high country, Clyde and Pat moved to Scottsbluff in 2002.

Continuing his love of horses and rodeo throughout his life, Clyde stayed active until the last few weeks of his life, he continued to rope as a header, always training, maintaining a fine tune on whatever good gelding he had at the time.

Clyde was extremely proud that he was one of the early members of the RCA and at the time of his death was a PRCA Gold Card Member. He also belonged to the USTRC and was a member of the Elks Lodge and Moose Lodge in Laramie.

Clyde is survived by his wife Patty of Scottsbluff, son William D "Bill" Yost of Gering, Neb., daughter Pamela Yost Cundall of Sheridan, granddaughters Cara Cundall of Gillette and her son Brendan Cundall, Crystal Cundall Wrenn of Roset, Wyo. and her children Shayla and Kole Wrenn, and Jackie Yost of Columbus, Ohio. Clyde is also survived by his brothers Raymond of Wheatland and Dale of Pensacola, Fla., and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Margret, and brothers Don and Robert.

An informal attire memorial service was held at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland on Saturday, April 30, 2005. Honorary pallbearers are Ron and Kay Miller of Scottsbluff, Jake and Joanie Milton of Torrington, Jim Miller of Scottsbluff, and Dick VanPelt of Laramie.