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Vincent V. Hayes

THERMOPOLIS -- Vincent V. Hayes, 68, Saturday, December 27, 2008, in Casper.

He was born Nov. 20, 1940, in Worland to Lawrence W. and Florence Daugherty Hayes of Thermopolis.

He graduated from Hot Springs County High School in 1958.

He went to Casper College and played basketball and rodeoed, then he continued his rodeo career at the University of Wyoming.

He went on to rodeo professionally before returning to help with the family ranch.

He continued on with the VH brand and AQHA quarter horses for 50 years.

In 1961, he married Peggy Jo Knight of Cody. They later divorced.

In November 1973 he married Totsy Wood of Ruleville, MS. They later divorced.

He was part of the volunteer fire department, a law enforcement officer as a police officer and Hot Springs County sheriff and a member of the POST commission for law enforcement. He served as a Hot Springs County Commissioner.

He was also a founder of the Outlaw Trail Ride, serving until August of 2008.

He spent the majority of his life being a rancher. He was an enthusiastic Wyoming Cowboy fan a lover of the outdoors.

Survivors include his daughters, Misti Hayes Cameron of Casper and Bridget Hayes Williams of Bremerton, WA; sister, Laurie Ann Watts of Ruleville, MS; brothers, Donald of Casper and LeRoy of Thermopolis; two grandsons, Dylan and Devon Williams.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Hot Springs County High School Auditorium.

A dinner to celebrate his life will follow at the VFW.

Memorials may be made to the Hayes Memorial Scholarship Fund, 900 Coburn, Worland, WY. 82401