

*And what does the Lord require of  
you but to act justly  
and to love mercy and to walk  
humbly with your God.  
— Micah 6:8b*



## Obituary

### James A. Anderson



**TEN SLEEP** — Life-long Ten Sleep area resident James Albert Anderson, 78, passed away suddenly Dec. 8, 2011 while working on the family ranch near Ten Sleep, doing what he loved with his son by his side.

Jim was born at home on June 1, 1933, the fifth child of Rouse W. and Zula Grace (Arnold) Anderson. His youth was spent on the family ranch during the Great Depression.

The hard times he and his family experienced created the discipline, work ethic and conservative values that would serve him well for the rest of his life.

Jim attended all 12 grades of school in Ten Sleep and graduated with honors in 1951, receiving a lifetime scholarship to the University of Wyoming. Although he never attended college, he was an avid reader and self-educated. He always joked about how the value of his lifetime scholarship

to the University of Wyoming had increased over the years.

At 19 years of age he began running the family sheep operations and was later joined by his brother Gene. They kept their operation together through good times and bad for nearly 60 years. In the early 1990s they were joined by Jim's son Aaron and his nephew Kevin. At the time of his death the operation had been experiencing some of the best times in recent memory.

On June 4, 1958 he married Gail E. McKeag, a teacher from Arthur, Neb. They raised three children - Mary Lou, Jamie, and Aaron. For 53 years Jim and Gail focused their energy on providing a better life for their children and grandchildren. They were always the rock that everyone could depend on to make things work and helped their kids out of a tight spot.

He was a member of the Wyoming Stockgrowers Assn., Wyoming Woolgrowers, Wyoming Farm Bureau and the Ten Sleep Methodist Church.

Jim enjoyed all of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His hobbies included reading, watching sports, visiting with neighbors and taking care of the livestock operation he spent a lifetime building. His life was marked by integrity, honesty, discipline, and placing his needs second to those of his family.

He was preceded in death by

his parents, by his brother Robert Anderson, and a granddaughter Hanna.

Jim is survived by his wife of 53 years, Gail, of Ten Sleep; by his daughters Mary Lou (Dan) Fritts of Prairie Valley, Kan. and Jami Anderson of Green River; by his son Aaron (Sarah) Anderson of Ten Sleep; by his sisters Sally Martin and Shirley (Keith) Thurman both of Ten Sleep; and by 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, Dec. 12, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ten Sleep United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Ten Sleep Ambulance Service at P. O. Box 5 - Ten Sleep, WY 82442.

Veile Mortuary is assisting the family with the arrangements.