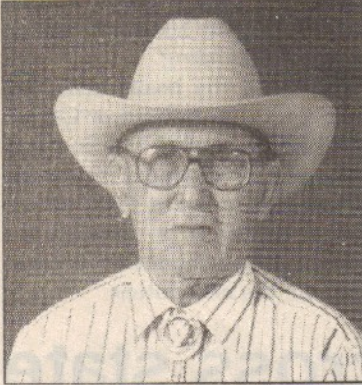


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**TEN SLEEP** — Merton C. Bader, Jr., 97, of Ten Sleep died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2008 at the Washakie Medical Center in Worland.

Merton was born March 23, 1911 to Merton C. and Gertrude (Bull) Bader by the Nowood River near Ten Sleep.

Merton grew up on the family ranch on the lower Nowood River

and received his education at the Bader School, Ten Sleep School and graduated from Manderson School.

He met the love of his life Pearl Miller and married her on Dec. 23, 1934. They were happily married for 70 years before Pearl's death in 2004. They had one daughter Myrna Joyce born in March of 1936.

Merton worked for the Holland Brothers with his young family and eventually bought and raised sheep of his own until around 1948. At that time, Pearl went back to teaching until her retirement in 1980. Merton worked for the highway department, the Holly Sugar Factory and owned his own trucking business from 1948 to 1961 when he went to work for the Ten Sleep School as a custodian and bus driver. He worked for the school until his retirement in 1978.

Merton had been a member of the Masons, Eastern Star, Ten Sleep Methodist Church, Elks, Royal Arcs and the Lions Club. He was an active member of the senior center and was among the volunteers who helped clean up and haul away the remains of the Ten Sleep Inn where the Ten Sleep Senior Center now stands. He drove the senior center bus for numerous years and enjoyed playing pool there.

Merton enjoyed bowling, fish-

ing, hunting, camping and especially gardening. Many people often stopped by to admire his garden and ask his advice on how to grow such a productive garden. Merton always enjoyed spending time with his family and friends but most of all loved being with his wife Pearl.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; brothers and sister.

Merton is survived by his daughter, Myrna Pannell; grandchildren Craig (Heidi) Pannell of Snohomish, Wash., Starla (Wade) Atkinson of Casper; four great-grandsons Stephen (Julie) Saint, Zackary Saint of Casper, and Joshua and Nicholas Pannell of Snohomish; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Ten Sleep Methodist Church in Ten Sleep with Reverend Grover Briggs officiating.

Burial will follow at the Ten Sleep Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Ten Sleep Senior Center or to the Ten Sleep Methodist Church in care of Bryant Funeral Home, P.O. Box 524, Worland, WYO 82401.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.