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TEN SLEEP — Ronald Charles Cogdill, 83, of Ten Sleep, died December 22, 2004 at the Wyoming Retirement Center in Basin.

Ronald was born April 19, 1921 in Thermopolis to Charles Franklin and Elsie May (Neeley) Cogdill.

He was raised at Lucerne and at Worland where he attended the Durkee School.

After his formal schooling he went to work as a sheep herder for his family.

He entered the Army and served in the infantry in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was wounded in action and was awarded the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for bravery. Following the war he returned to Washakie County and moved to Ten Sleep where he worked on ranches.

Ronald married Margaret Sutherland at Billings, Mont., on Jan. 5, 1952. Their marriage was eventually sealed at the L.D.S. Temple in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

After his marriage he and his wife lived in the Bighorn Mountains full time for six years where they ran their own cattle and were sometimes snowed-in for months.

They eventually moved off the mountain and ranched in the Upper Nowood area.

In 1965 they retired, moved into Ten Sleep and built their log home

there. Ronald then helped friends and family with their ranches and raised some livestock of his own.

In retirement, the couple served a mission in Arizona on the Navajo Reservation for the L.D.S. Church. Ronald served as a mentor to many young men by having them come to the family ranch during the summers to learn about cattle ranching and felt that they were his "adopted" children.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Margaret Cogdill of Ten Sleep; brother, Harold (Pat) Cogdill of Ten Sleep; sisters, Elsie Bosch of Worland and Doris (Byron) Breeden of Ten Sleep and by numerous nieces and nephews in the area.

Services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 29, 10 a.m. at the Ten Sleep L.D.S. Church with Bishop Terril J. Mills officiating. Burial will follow at the Ten Sleep Cemetery with the American Legion Post providing graveside military honors.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Connie Bowers at 316 South 21st - Worland, WY 82401.

Veile Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.