

**Lester J (Smilo) Davis**  
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## Obituaries



**Lester J. Davis**

**TEN SLEEP** — Lester J. "Smilo" Davis, 99, of Ten Sleep, died Tuesday, Sept. 22, in Bethesda Care Center in Worland.

He was born Aug. 24, 1893, in Brownington, Mo., a son of James and Mary (Crittenden) Davis.

In 1913, he moved to Wyoming and worked on the Knisely Ranch at Lovell. He moved to Ten Sleep in 1914 and was a rancher there until moving to Bethesda Care Center three years ago.

On Dec. 25, 1915, he married Audrey Odessa Knisely in Kane. She died in 1984.

Mr. Davis was a member of the Ten Sleep Masonic Lodge, of which he was a past master and had been a member for 64 years. He served on the Ten Sleep School Board for 24 years, the Washakie Memorial Hospital Board for 24 years and was a charter member of the Ten Sleep Soil Conservation District, also serving on its advisory board for 30 years. He was a charter member of the Taylor Grazing Board, serving on that board for 24 years and a member of the Wyoming Stock-growers Association. His hobby was baseball and in his younger days, he coached his own team in the Ten Sleep area.

Survivors include three sons, Marvin, Ivan "Pat" and Lee, all of Ten Sleep; one daughter, Audrey Bailey of Cheyenne; one brother, Bill of Eldon, Mo.; one sister, Rus-sie Yetman of Lawrence, Kan.; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

The service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday in the Ten Sleep Methodist Church, with the Rev. Richard Rash officiating. Burial will be in Ten Sleep Cemetery. Ten Sleep Masonic Lodge No. 46 will conduct the graveside service.

Veile Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the fund of the donor's choice.