

Marvin James Davis

1921 – 2015



Marvin James Davis arrived into this world on 6-22-1921 in Ten Sleep WY. He ended his journey peacefully at the age of 94 as he entered into his heavenly home on 12-12-15 in Otis Orchards WA.

He was the second oldest of 4 children born to Lester J. and Audrey O. Davis. He was born and raised on the family ranch in the Ten Sleep canyon, graduated from Ten Sleep HS, served his country in the army during WWII and then returned home to work with family in their ranching/farming operation.

On February 18, 1945 he married the sweetheart of his life, Dorothy Jean Thaxton. They spent their working life on the family ranch on the lower Nowood where they raised their 3 daughters. In 1996 they moved into Ten Sleep and lived there overlooking Marvin's beloved "Big Horn Mountains" before moving to Spokane WA in 2012 to be with family.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy of 70 years, daughters Shirley (Ron) Beydler, Sheila (Don) Beydler, 6 grandchildren, Billie Jo (Bryant) King, Bo Beydler, Brooke (Nate) Bartlett, Keri (Mike) Gibson, Brian Peterson and Aaron Peterson, 6 great-grandchildren and 1 brother Lee (Peggy) Davis along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, 2 siblings, Audrey Bailey and Pat Davis and 1 daughter, Marva Kay Peterson.

He was a member of the Ten Sleep Methodist Church and also served on the Ten Sleep School Board for years.

Marvin loved working with horses, spending time in the mountains when work allowed, camping, hunting, fishing and hiking with his family. He told the story many times of him climbing Clouds Peak in the Big Horn Mountains and was proud of that accomplishment.

Marvin was a true cowboy, a man of honesty and integrity, a loving husband, amazing dad, grandpa and great-grandpa, a true blessing to all that knew him.

Memorial services will be held in Ten Sleep in the spring and Marvin will be laid to rest in the Ten Sleep cemetery. A family memorial service will take place in Spokane WA.