

Paul P. Frison
1893 - 1989

Obituaries

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Paul P. Frison, formerly of Ten Sleep, died Tuesday, Nov. 28 in the Wyoming Retirement Center in Basin. He was 96.

He was born May 28, 1893 in Basalt, Colo., a son of Jacob Charles and Margaret (Shields) Frison. He was raised in Colorado, moving with his family to their ranch two miles east of Ten Sleep in 1901.

He attended Colorado State A&M, then ranched with his family until 1919.

On June 4, 1919, he married Mabel Ella Emery in Ten Sleep. She died Feb. 22, 1931. He married Beatta Charlotte Jacobson on May 18, 1939 in Greybull. She died Dec. 28, 1980.

After ranching with his family, he purchased the Ten Sleep Mercantile which he owned until 1945. He then bought the Flagstaff Motel in Ten Sleep, which he operated until retiring in 1965. At that time he moved to Worland.

He was the first mayor of Ten Sleep, serving as mayor for 16 years. He also was Washakie County's representative to the Wyoming Legislature from 1931 to 1938.

He was a member of the Wyoming State Historical Society, the Washakie County Historical Society and had served on the Washakie County Museum Board. He was instrumental in establishing the first museum in Worland in the back of the present library.

Frison was an active historian and writer, writing five books, "First White Woman in the Big Horn Basin," "Apache Slave," "Grass was Gold," "Under the Ten Sleep Rim" and "Calendar of Change."



He also wrote a brochure entitled "Great Day of the Cattle Kings."

He moved to the Pioneer Home in 1982 and to the Wyoming Retirement Center in Basin in October 1989.

Survivors include one son, Gerald Paul of LaHabra Heights, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Albert (Marcella B.) Dorn of Worland and one granddaughter, Jan Temple of Sandpoint, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two wives, four brothers and one sister.

A memorial service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday in the United Methodist Church in Worland, with the Rev. Dick Stormont officiating. Cremation has taken place and the ashes will be buried in the family plot in the Ten Sleep Cemetery.

Veile Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Washakie County Museum, 1115 Obie Sue Ave., Worland, 82401.