

Jesse Vanarsdall, Obituary, Northern Wyoming Daily News, Worland, Wyoming, 10 Sept. 1996, page 2.

TEN SLEEP -- Longtime Ten Sleep resident Jesse Vanarsdall, 87, died on Sunday, Sept. 8 at Washakie Memorial Hospital in Worland.

He was born on July 6, 1909, near Eminence, Mo., a son of William and Etta (Randleman) Vanarsdall. He was raised at Eminence, and at the age of 13 he hitchhiked to the Westcliff, Colo., area where he began a lifetime of working in the timber industry.

On Dec. 19, 1929 he married Carrie F. Carr in Westcliff.

In 1950 the family moved to ten Sleep, where Mr. Vanarsdall first worked for Curly Weaver and then the Moses family in their logging operations. He worked for various other loggers in the area before starting Vanarsdall Post and Pole Co. in 1970. One of the contracts he filled was for all the posts and poles for the cross-buck fence at Hot Springs State Park in Thermopolis. In 1975 he branched out to operate Vanarsdall Lumber, and for the past 15 years he also cut and sold firewood in the area. He never retired, and was injured two weeks ago while trimming up a tree above Ten Sleep on Tepee Creek.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, reading wildlife magazines and watching wildlife videos.

He is survived by his wife of Ten Sleep; a son, Vernon, of Ten Sleep; three daughters, Mary Vanarsdall and Dorothy Dockery of Worland, and Wilma Pyle of Greeley, Colo., a sister, Myrtle Covington of Florida; 16 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; by a son, Lynn G. "Sonny"; two brothers; seven sisters; one half-brother; and by a grandson Harry L. Bennett.

Visitations are scheduled for 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Ten Sleep Methodist Church.

The service is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Methodist Church, with the Rev. Wesley W. Kendall officiating. Burial will be at Ten Sleep Cemetery.

Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge of arrangements.