



Together Again...

Jack Raymond Wilson, 92, of Lodge Grass, MT, passed away on Saturday, November 7, 2015, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Jacque and Scott Friedrich.

Jack was born on March 7, 1923, in Sherian, WY, to Anna and Roy Wilson. He married Maxine Wilkes on November 9, 1942. They purchased the High School Hill Store in 1949, where some still say he and Max served the best burgers in town. Jack and Maxine were no strangers to hard work. In addition to running the store, for years Jack worked at the Sheridan Brewery and Coca Cola Bottling Company in the summers, and he owned and drove school buses for 28 years.

In 1952, he and Maxine purchased a cabin on Ranger Creek in the Big Horn Mountains. It was a weekend ritual in the summer months, where family and friends gathered.

Jack was a sportsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting deer, elk and pheasants.

From childhood, Jack loved horses and dreamed of some day owning a cattle ranch. His quest began in 1959, when he and Maxine purchased a farm northeast of Sheridan, then a ranch on Tongue River, a ranch on Prairie Dog Creek, and finally a ranch in Lodge Grass, MT, on the Little Big Horn River. His son, Eddie was his loyal partner in all of those ventures.

He was one of the founding members of the Peters Grazing Association, and he had a grazing permit on the mountain for the last 44 years.

For many years, he and Eddie did custom farming and haying in Wyoming and Montana. Jack was a great mechanic and blessed with a talent for fixing machinery long past its life expectancy. Always thrifty, they never owned many new pieces of machinery.

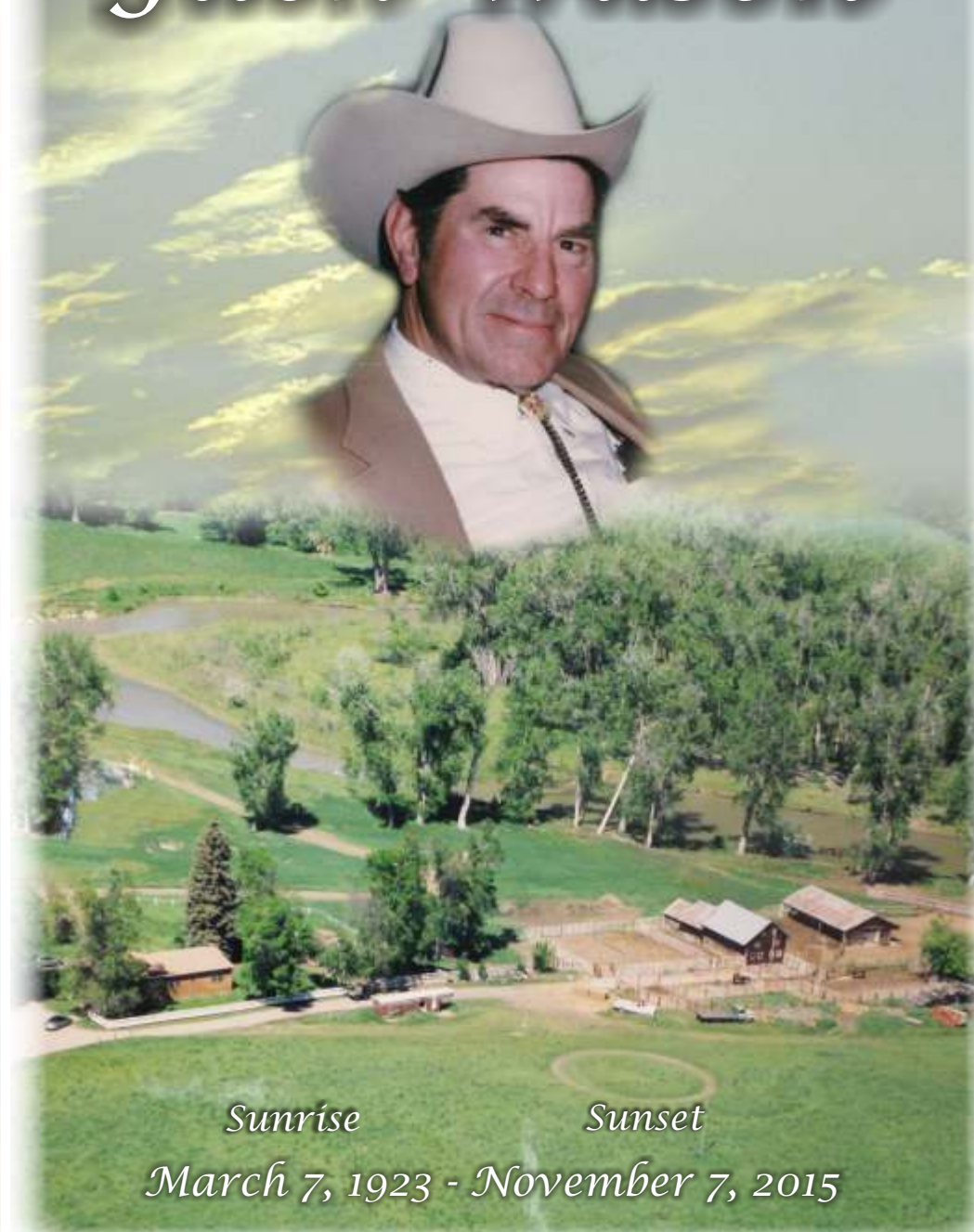
Jack always had a passion for race horses. In 1977, he purchased his first race horse. For years, he and Eddie owned and trained many horses for themselves and others. They raced horses from May through October primarily in Wyoming and Montana, but over the years also in South Dakota, Nebraska and Canada. He and Eddie somehow miraculously managed to train and race horses in the middle of haying season. Together, they accumulated 150+ win pictures. The race track was truly a family affair, where a good time was had by all.

He and Eddie enjoyed racing chariots in the wintertime. It was incredible that anyone could "enjoy" running horses in the dead of winter all over the State of Wyoming - during blizzards and below zero temperatures.

Jack loved a good cigar, and one rarely saw him without a cigar in his mouth - his signature trademark.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine, his parents, his brother Eldon Wilson and sister Telka Driskill. He is survived by his son Eddie (Colleen), daughter Jacque Sue Friedrich (Scott), grandchildren Wendy Balkenbush (Kenny), Jessie Cunningham (Casey), E.J. Panetta (Shiann), Laurie (Narvin) Russaw, and great grandchildren MaKenna Balkenbush, DeLani and Bailey Cunningham, Joseph Panetta, Denari Russaw, several nieces and nephews: Gay Patterson, Gary Wilson, Peggy Driskill Pooley, Jeanne Wilkes Harm, Susan Huegel, John Young and Lynn Snyder.

In Loving Memory Of Jack Wilson





If You Could See Me Now

*If you could see me now you wouldn't shed a tear.
Though you may not understand why I'm no longer here.
Remember my spirit that is the real me because I'm still very
Much alive, I've just been set free, Oh, if you could only see!
I have beheld our Father's face and I've touched my Savior's
Hand. All of Heaven's angels rejoiced as I entered the promised
Land. Beyond the gates of pearl I've walked on the golden streets.
I've touched the walls of jasper and dipped my foot in the
Crystal sea. The beauty is beyond words and nothing could
Compare, I've even seen your mansion and someday
I'll meet you there. Let Jesus be your guide because
His Word will show you the way! So please don't
Cry because we will meet again someday.*



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Friday, November 13, 2015, at 2:00 pm
Kane Funeral Home

OFFICIATING

Pastor Chuck Gifford

MUSIC

Amazing Grace by Wendy Wilson- Balkenbush
(Granddaughter)
Prelude & Postlude music by Marvin Fritz

EULOGY

Pastor Chuck Gifford

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Bill Shackelford, Scott Shackelford, Mike Onstott
Gene McNair, Karen Moody, Jonalee Meyer-Watkins
Oscar Hoffer, Lane Schenderline, Paddy Bard
Rick Bell, Snooky Green, Bob Green,

A reception will follow in the Kane Reception Center.
(Everyone is welcome to join us afterwards at
The Elks Club.)

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