



# James R. 'Jay' Peterson

**April 7, 1938 - January 13, 2012**

James R. "Jay" Peterson, 73, died Friday, Jan. 13, 2012, at Washakie Medical Center in Worland following a short illness.

Born April 7, 1938, in Lander, he was the son of James F. "Fritz" and Lenore (Cogdill) Peterson. Raised in Dubois, James graduated from Dubois High School. He attended Boys State and was an excellent basketball player.

A cowboy for most of his life, Jay lived at Grass Creek working for various ranches.

He married Shirley Brown and to two children were born to this union. The couple later divorced. Jay moved to Winchester in 2000 and married Patty King on April 8, 2000, in Thermopolis. For the past few years, he was employed by Hot Oil Service in Shoshoni.

Jay was a 52-year member of the Masonic Lodge in Dubois and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A self-reliant man, he was known for his quick wit. He loved horses, hunting, fishing and the outdoors in general. A chariot racer for many years, he raced in the Championship Chariot Races held in Ogden, Utah, being eligible three times. He also was the oldest racer.

Survivors include his wife, Patty of Winchester; sons, Seth of Winchester, Jim of Worland and Chester (Brandi) Schamber of Riverton; daughters, Holly (Op) Love of Thermopolis and Cherokee (Shawn) Bleak of Worland; brothers, Fred (Patty Sue) of Torrington and Scott (Sue) of Dubois; a cousin raised in the family, Sally (Bob) Lozier of Riverton; numerous grandchildren; one expected great-grandchild; and many relatives.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jack; and daughter-in-law, Diane Peterson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 21 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 625 S. 10th St. in Thermopolis. Bishop Chris Paris officiated. Burial was at the Meeteetse Cemetery.

Mortimore Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Seth's College Fund, c/o 750 Winchester Rd., Worland, WY 82401.

