

Thomas "Tom" Zimmer

NAME: Thomas "Tom" Zimmer

AGE: 86

DATELINE: Glasgow, Montana

DATE OF DEATH: Thursday – April 24, 2014

CAUSE OF DEATH: natural causes

PLACE OF DEATH: Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow, Montana

VIGIL SERVICE: Tuesday – April 29, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Bell Chapel in Glasgow, Montana

SERVICE: Wednesday – April 30, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Glentana, Montana

INTERMENT: Glentana Cemetery in Glentana, Montana

MORTUARY IN CHARGE: Bell Mortuary in Glasgow, MT

Thomas "Tom" Zimmer, 86, passed away peacefully of natural causes on April 24, 2014 at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow, Montana.

Tom was born October 19, 1927 in Opheim, Montana to North Valley County homesteaders, John and Gertrude (Niehoff) Zimmer of German heritage. Tom was the 7th child out of 13. His brothers and sisters include Frances, James, Joseph, Anna Mae, Helen, Rose, Charles, Leo, John, Mark, Vincent, and Lucille.

In 1961, Tom and his brothers, Charlie and John, bought the Bonnabel Ranch in the Richland area. This is the historical ranch that the "Pigeon Toed Kid" was shot and killed on, with this ranch came 1500 sheep. These brothers were all hard working and meticulous in every aspect of farming and ranching, especially their fences. They ran sheep for a couple years before finally reaching their goal of raising Line One Hereford Cattle. At one time their whole bull battery was Cooper Hereford bulls.

In 1968, Tom married Dolores Pimperton. His next move was to Lewistown, Montana where he worked on ranches around Martinsdale, Checkerboard, and Two Dot. At one time he worked on a ranch that had buffalo. After caring for the buffalo his thoughts were that they are the worst animal to domesticate.

After the death of his wife in 2007, he moved back to Glentana which was always home to him. He kept busy by going to sales and buying goats, longhorn cattle, llamas, ducks, and geese. His health was failing and while away in Billings with medical problems his house was destroyed in a fire. He lost everything except his faithful dog, "Annie." At this time he moved to Nemont Manor still staying active with buying livestock. Due to continual failing health, he moved to Valley View Nursing Home and resided there the last years of his life.

He is preceded in death by his wife Dolores Pimperton, brothers; Jim, Joe, John, Charlie, Leo, Mark, and Vince Zimmer, and sisters Frances Daley, Mae Stein, and Helen Stein. Tom is survived by his sisters; Rose Taylor of Denver, Colorado and Lucille Awtrey of Odessa, Texas and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice or to the Holy Family Catholic Church; address: 102 1st Ave N Glentana, MT 59240.

A vigil service will be held Tuesday, April 29, at 7 pm at the Bell Chapel in Glasgow. Services are set for Wednesday, April 30 at 11 am at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Glentana, with interment to follow in the Glentana Cemetery.