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Funeral services for Chuck Evitt, 87-year-old long-time resident of Buffalo, were held Tuesday, Oct. 1 from the Harness Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo with Rev. William Dunlap officiating. Chuck passed away quietly late Wednesday evening at his ranch on Rock Creek surrounded by his family. Visitation was held from the funeral home chapel on Monday and Tuesday. Burial was in Willow Grove Cemetery with graveside services following the funeral. A reception and time of fellowship were held at the Evitt Ranch following graveside rites. Donations in Mr. Evitt's memory may be made to the Susie Bowling Lawrence Hospice in care of the Harness Funeral Home at 351 N. Adams in Buffalo.

Charles Hubert Evitt was born on Dec. 17, 1925 in Greenfield, Iowa to Carry and Blanche Evitt. He grew up and received his education in Corydon, Iowa and graduated from Corydon High School in 1944. In May 1944 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served during WWII on the USS Abatan. After WWII he worked for Hughes Oil in Casper. He was married in September 1947 in Casper to Barbara Neese.

Chuck returned to active duty in the U.S. Navy in 1951 during the Korean Conflict, serving on the USS Marshall. Chuck was extremely proud to have served his country. After an honorable discharge he returned home to Casper where he purchased a drilling rig that eventually became Evitt Drilling Company. Chuck and Barbara moved their family to Buffalo where they purchased a ranch on Rock Creek. He also continued in the drilling business. He sold his drilling company in 1975 and became a full-time rancher. He was married on April 1, 1994 in Las Vegas to Jodi Myers. They shared their life together at the ranch and their home in Cave Creek, Ariz. until the time of his death.

Chuck enjoyed golf, roping, ranching, fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife Jodi of Buffalo; five daughters, Michal Unruh and her husband Gerry of Silesia, Mont., Leslie Hiatt and her husband Troy of Denver, Sandra Evitt also of Denver, Stacey Ridley of Buffalo and Krystal Pruzinsky and her husband Stephen of Las Vegas; two brothers, Russell Evitt of Williston, ND and Howard Evitt and his wife Evelyn of Corydon, Iowa; one sister, Elaine Starrett of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and his beloved son Hugh.