

John Hines 87, of Gillette, WY passed away Friday, January 26, 2024 at Primrose Retirement Community. John James Hines was born in 1936 to John Dwight and Annie Mary (McKenzie) Hines; he grew up and went to school among the red shale hills around Oriva. When John was 16 his father died and he became involved with helping his mother on the ranch. John graduated from CCHS in 1954 and after a few semesters at UW he joined the US Army, spending three years as a meat inspector in Kansas City, Missouri. He returned to the ranch in 1960 where he lived unto his death. After serving on several county boards, he was elected to the legislature in 1985. He served in the House until 2002. He was elected to the Senate in 2003 serving until 2015. He was elected Senate President in 2009 and 2010. John enjoyed travel, spent time on all the continents. A fan of UW John went to all of the home and bowl football games. His years in public service led to many friendships around the state and he enjoyed visiting with them as years went by. John is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy Jean and Richard Davis; his brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Judy Hines; along with cherished nephews and nieces. John's family request that memorials be made to benefit Campbell County Rockpile Museum in John's name. Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel 210 West 5th Street, Gillette, WY 82716.

"RAGTIME COWBOY JOE"

He always sings raggy music to the cattle as he swings back and forward in the saddle, on a horse - a pretty good horse! He's got a syncopated gaiter, and you ought to hear the meter to the roar of his repeater; how they run - yes run! - when they hear that he's 'a-comin', cause the western folks all know, he's a high-falootin', rootin', tootin', son of a gun from ol' Wyoming, Ragtime Cowboy, Talk about your Cowboy, Ragtime Cowboy Joe.

The family extends an invitation to a reception and time of fellowship at the church following the service.

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Lending Library. Learning to say
goodbye; children's tour.



John J. Hines

MAR. 3, 1936-JAN. 26, 2024

Whose presence touched us deeply. Though they are no longer with us, their spirit lives on in the memories we hold dear.

A Rancher's Prayer

I hope there's no fences in Heaven,
I hope they never heard of barbed wire!
Such things don't belong up in Heaven.
They belong down below in Hell's Fire.

I've pounded in millions of staples,
I've dug uncounted holes for the posts.
I've strung wire from here to forever.

It's no work for the Heavenly Host.
I've pounded my thumbs and my fingers,
I've scratched and bloodied my skin,
I've used a spade and crowbar,
I've even tried pounding posts in.

So please Lord, no fences in Heaven!

I don't want to fence anymore.

Just let me rest from all fencing.
When I reach your Heavenly Shore.



Funeral Service

10:00 a.m., Friday, February 2, 2024
Family Life Church
Gillette, Wyoming

Officiant

Pastor Marty Crump

Music

"Church In the Wildwood"
"Ragtime Cowboy Joe"

Casketbearers

Kevin Hepp Eric Barlow
Dwight Hines Nicholas Grooms
Adam Mayer Clifford Davis

Honorary Casketbearers

All past Wyoming Legislators

Interment

1:00 p.m., Friday, February 2, 2024
Mount Pisgah Cemetery
Gillette, Wyoming

Military Honors

American Legion Post # 42
Honor Guard