

Buffalo Man Dies Suddenly

BUFFALO — Buffalo rancher and wool buyer John Arthur Esponda, 46, died at his home at Buffalo Tuesday morning of an apparent heart attack.

He was born in Buffalo on June 13, 1924 to John and Dominica Espanda and graduated from Johnson County high school in 1942. After a year at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., he joined the Army and served in the Aleutians and India.

Returning from the service, he married Delorise Mowery in 1946 and later graduated from the University of Wyoming. He attended school in Australia for a year on a Fulbright Scholarship.

His wife and son, Mark, were killed in an automobile accident in 1958.

In 1959 he married Gladys Jacobs.

For 19 years he had been a wool buyer for Burlington Industries and had been a rancher all his adult life.

He is survived by his widow, Gladys; three sons, John Jr., Mitchel and Steven, all of Buffalo; a daughter, Mrs. Pamara Swartz, Buffalo, S. D.; his mother in Buffalo and three sisters, Grayee Miller and Jeanette Maxwell, both of Buffalo and Nolene Sun, Alcova.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church with burial in Willow Grove cemetery. The Rosary will be recited Thursday at 7:30 at the church. Friends may donate to the hospital's coronary care fund through the funeral home.

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