

William Kirk Anderson

August 28, 1922-November 27, 2000

Services for William Kirk Anderson, 78, were held Friday, Dec. 1, at 1 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Wheatland, with Rev. Karen Chenoweth officiating. Inurnment was in the Wheatland Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Wyoming Air National Guard Flag Heritage Team of Cheyenne.

Mr. Anderson died Monday, Nov. 27, at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

William was born Aug. 28, 1922, in Syracuse, N.J., the son of William Kirk and Rosalind E. (Jensen) Anderson. He was reared and educated in New Jersey, graduating from Manasquan High School in New Jersey. He was in the United States Marine Corps and served in five campaigns in the Pacific during World War II: Marshall Islands, Saipan, Tinian, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. In Iwo Jima, he was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery as a telephone operator in the forward observation party of Battery A Fourth 155mm Howitzer Field Artillery Group, Fifth Amphibious Corps Fleet Marine Force. After his discharge, he returned to New Jersey and graduated from Rutgers University. He moved to Colorado where he became the head chef at the Skyview Restaurant at the Denver International Airport.

Mr. Anderson then moved to Cheyenne and started the first fully accredited advertising agency. His agency was credited with designing the Cheyenne Frontier Days logo which is still in use today. Many will remember him as being the marketing director for the Wyoming Bank Corporation and later as sales representative for Pioneer Printing in Cheyenne.

He was very active in the Cheyenne Little Theater Players and was an avid fisherman and boater. He

was happiest when fishing the lakes and streams in the Snowy Range area. Mr. Anderson shared his daughter's love of horses and traveled many miles hauling girls and horses throughout the tri-state area where the girls won a number of championships for horsemanship.

He married Theda Sparks Kendall in 1959. Though they separated after 23 years, they remained close friends and jointly enjoyed children and grandchildren.

After retiring, he relocated to Wheatland to live closer to family. He developed a great fondness for the Wheatland area and its residents.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his best friend, Theda Anderson of Wheatland; three daughters, Kirsten H. Addison of Wheatland, Kathryn G. Ditch of Vaughn, Mont. and Karin E. Latzer of Gilbert, Ariz.; a sister, Mary McKechnie of Alexandria, Va.; and 12 grandchildren, Will and Sheridan Addison of Wheatland; Kacee and Hanah Addison of Reno, Nev., Robbie Lynn and Chip Wilson of Arthur, Neb., Cody and Carol Ann Latzer of Gilbert, Ariz. and Casey, Danielle, Kristen and Deryl Ditch of Vaughn, Mont.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Craig Butner, Bill McKechnie, Donald Baldwin, Mike Baldwin, Kirk Baldwin, Scott Addison and Doug Ditch.

Memorials to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter, 501 Parsley Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82007 or the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 851, Casper, WY 82602 would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.

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Bill worked as a chef, an advertising executive and a marketing director. He was an avid fisherman.

Bill also enjoyed reading the newspaper and playing cards.