

Elton E. 'Gene' Bachmeier

September 17, 1932 – February 23, 2006

Funeral services for Elton E. "Gene" Bachmeier, 73, will be conducted at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, March 1 at Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel in Wheatland, with Pastor David Wood officiating and Harry Hauffe as eulogist. Interment with military honors accorded will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, in the emergency room of Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland of natural causes.

He was born Sept. 17, 1932, in Flasher, N.D., the son of Anna (Blotsky) and John Bachmeier. Gene attended schools and lived in McIntosh, S.D., where he worked for various farmers. He married Phyllis Ritter in S.D. and they were the parents of six children. The couple later divorced. He served in the United States Army from 1953-1955. Following his honorable discharge, he became a Journeyman Ironworker until 1982 when he was forced to retire due to ill health. He married Elizabeth Nelson in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on August 17, 1968, and they resided in Casper, Wyoming, until 1980, when they moved to Wheatland and Gene built their home with the help of his nephew, Michael Bachmeier. Gene took great pride in being an ironworker and belonged to Ironworkers Local 454 until the time of his death. He will long be remembered for his expertise in the construction industry. Following his



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retirement, he worked in farming. He had a great love of animals, especially his dogs and horses.

Survivors include his wife, Liz of Wheatland; six children and their spouses: Timothy E. Bachmeier of Casper, Twyla Fritz, Tamra Bennett both of Mobridge, S.D., Trina Lyons of Brandon, S.D., Tresa Shillingstad of Eureka, S.D., and Tonia Scharberg of Casper; one step-son, Bruce Iverson of Montana; four brothers, Zack Bachmeier of Modesto, Calif., Leo Bachmeier of Pueblo, Colo., Albert Bachmeier and Gabriel Bachmeier both of Rapid City,

S.D.; eleven grandchildren; one step-grandson; eleven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother and sister who died at birth.

Serving as pallbearers will be David Bachmeier, Michael Bachmeier, Robert Bachmeier, Randy Bachmeier, Roy Putnam, and Wally Leatherwood. Honorary pallbearers will be all of his friends and brother ironworkers.

The family would appreciate memorials to the American Cancer Society, 1054 Pine Street, Wheatland, WY 82201, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.