BLANTON, DAVID THOMAS, JR.
August 30, 1962-May 11, 1978

David Thomas Blanton, Jr., 15, was killed Thursday, May 11, 1978, when the car he was in careened out of control on a country road and rolled four times. The Wyoming Highway Patrol said David died when he was thrown from the late model sedan on County Road 314, 18 miles east of Wheatland.

Another Wheatland teenager, Thomas Arnold Pierce, was also thrown and suffered injuries. It is not known which youth was driving.

Funeral services for Blanton were held Monday, May 15, 1978, at the First Christian Church with Dan Barcus officiating. Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery. Pallbearers were Larry Snook, Lenny Throne, Bobby Gilbert, Jim Amerman, Larry Hobbs and Richard Snook, Sr.

David was born August 30, 1962 in Wheatland. He had been raised in the area and was a student at Ft. Laramie High School. He was an avid hunter, loved nature, and enjoyed the outdoors. He spent much time hunting arrowheads and learning to play the guitar.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Bonnie McCashland of Wheatland; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. DuVall of Wheatland; three brothers, Gene and Dewey Blanton and Kenny McCashland, all of Wheatland; four sisters, Mary Jenkins, Bonnie Towner, Tina and Joyce Blanton, all of Wheatland; and twenty nieces and nephews.

A Memorial has been established to the Platte County Memorial Hospital. Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.