

Joseph Lloyd Bookout

February 27, 1927–April 17, 2016

Funeral services for Joseph Lloyd Bookout, 89, were held at Friday, Apr. 22 at the First Christian Church in Wheatland with Pastors Andy Gudahl and Adam Lovitt officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Joe Bookout left this earth on Sunday, Apr. 17 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Joe was born Feb. 27, 1927 in Wheatland the son of Joseph Luther and Edith Virgie (Baker) Bookout. He was raised and educated in Wheatland. Joe served his country during the Korean Conflict. Before he was discharged he came home on leave and married his love, Pauline Eshom, on Dec. 29, 1950. The couple had three daughters, Margaret Ruth "Peggy", Susan Gail, and Paula Jo.

Joe having a very strong work ethic (which he imparted to his children) went to work at Drube's Machine Shop at the age of fourteen and came home from the service to pick up where he left off – working at and eventually owning Drube Machine Shop until 1980 when he sold the business.

Of course, his first true love was centered around airplanes and flying. He rode his bicycle to the airport for flying lessons, because he wasn't old enough to drive a car. His interests otherwise were hunting, fishing, building the family cabin on the family ranch west of Wheatland. He took great pleasure in his fab-



ulous garden. Joe also had a keen interest in hunting arrowheads – the whole family participated.

Joe took a real interest as a civil servant, serving on the town council and on many other boards. He was very involved with the improvement project on the Phifer Field Airport at Wheatland and many other endeavors.

Joe is survived by his wife of sixty-five years, Pauline, of Wheatland; daughters, Peggy (Tim) Adsit of Cheyenne and Paula Jo (Scott) Edberg of Casper; grandchildren, Braden Boner, Meghan Boner, Ryan Boner, Amanda Adsit, and Mark Adsit; great grandchildren, Hayden Pierce, Emma Jo Pierce, and Aspen Miller; also a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, Luther, on Jan. 11, 1955; mother, Edith, on Dec. 4, 1984; daughter, Susan Gail Bookout; and siblings, James Bookout on Mar. 9, 1990, Cecil Bookout on Nov. 23, 2002, Virginia White on Feb. 16, 1993, and Marjorie Powell on Mar. 18, 2015.

A memorial to the Western History Center, 2308 US Highway 26, Lingle, WY 82223 would be appreciated by the family.

The Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland are in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.gormanfh.com