

Rex Brown, 28 Dies In Crash

9-5-1977
A one-car accident took the lives of two men near Wheatland Monday evening September 5th at about 7:30 p.m.

The accident happened at the Mule Shoe Bridge just to the immediate west of the Bernard McGuire place and involved the Cadillac convertible owned by Rex Brown, 28, of Wheatland.

Rex and a companion, Arturo Bassola, 22, of Delaware were traveling west and missed the bridge with a left wheel causing the auto to swerve, turn sideways, hit a concrete abutment and overturn.

The Sheriff's Department investigating the scene reported that excessive speed was not involved in the mishap since the car had just been seen passing through the McGuire property prior to the accident. The McGuires heard and reported the accident to authorities.

Brown was the owner of the Commodore Bar and Lounge in Wheatland and Bassola was a surveyor working with a contractor in the Missouri Basin Power Project.

Funeral services were held for Rex Edwin Brown Thursday, September 8, 1977 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church. Rev. Sidney A. Hoadley, Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church, officiated. Interment was at the Wheatland Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Bob Shepard, Bill Dreher, Tex Shelley, Rick Bowen, James "Butch" Orr, and John Lockman. Honorary pallbearers were Randy Davis, Bill Borthwick, Odie Warner, and Dan Lilly. Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Rex was born May 9, 1949 in Wheatland. He graduated from Wheatland High School and then attended Casper College. He came back to Wheatland and went into business. He and Erma Becker were married October 30, 1970 in Cheyenne.

He is survived by his wife, Erma; his mother, Judy Dannar; his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Lietz all of Wheatland; one brother, Wylie and his sister-in-law, Arlene of Las Vegas, Nevada.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Wylie "Jack" Brown and his grandfather, Edwin Lietz.

A memorial has been establish-