

# Ernest Dwight Browning

August 6, 1914-August 11, 2000

Ernest Dwight Browning, 86, was born August 6, 1914 at North Platte, Neb. and passed away August 11, 2000 at Wheatland.

He was the oldest son of George and Edna (Ballenger) Browning and was reared and educated in the North Platte and Thedford, Neb. area.

He met Ruth Brock at a Sunday school picnic and they were married April 1, 1938. They lived in the Broken Bow, Neb. area where he made his living as a mechanic. First in his father's gas station and later working for the Ford Motor and Implement Company for many years.

They moved to Wyoming in 1954 where he worked as a mechanic and heavy equipment operator until 1976 when he started his own business. Although he had cut back on the jobs he did, he didn't retire until 1998. Ernie enjoyed being outdoors, hunting and fishing and he often guided deer hunters and helped friends with working cattle. He also enjoyed

dancing and playing cards.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Ruth, in 1996, two infant daughters and one great-granddaughter. He is survived by his daughters Judy Stanley of Ft. Mojave, Ariz. and Helen Bray of Wheatland; a niece, Rebecca Neth of Broken Bow, Neb.; grandchildren Larry, Steve, Danny and Barb Stanley, Phillip Bray, Emma Wiseman, Julia Miller, Rebekah Noreen, Lem, Fred and Herb Bray, Mara Bechtold, Donna Baltz and Joy Dixon and numerous great-grandchildren; two brothers Everett of South Padre Island, Texas; Ellsworth of Grand Island, Neb.; and a sister, Deanne Newman of Santa Barbara, Calif.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, August 15, at the First Christian Church in Wheatland. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial to Forget-Me-Not Daycare's Life line would be appreciated.