

# Joseph Butner

1928-2013

Joseph A. Butner, 85, of Cheyenne died Sept. 18 at home.

Joe was born Jan. 2, 1928, in Wheatland to Richard A. and Veda L. (Livingston) Butner.

He was reared and educated in Wheatland, graduating from Wheatland High School in 1947. Joe joined the U.S. Army National Guard in 1949, deployed to Korea in 1955 and was discharged in 1956.

Joseph and his brother, Dayle, owned and operated the Blue Gables Texaco Station in Wheatland until joining the Wyoming Highway Patrol in February 1960, retiring in 1985. He married Matilda Miller in 1976.

Joseph was a member of the Medicine Bow Lions Club, Good Sam's Club and the First Christian Church. Joseph was recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1881 for Outstanding Community Services in 1978, was a supporter of Cheyenne Hands in Harmony for many years, and supported the Wyoming Highway Patrol. He was a skilled carpenter and had the ability to build or repair anything.

He is survived by three daughters, Leann Tapp, Sharon (Joe) VonSeggern and Lori Jo Butner, all of Cheyenne; five grandchildren, Michael (Jennifer) Capps, David (Bethany) VonSeggern, Christopher Tapp, Nikki (Steve) Smiley and Jessica Savage; five great-grandchildren, Jady Capps, Brayten Capps, Parker Tapp, Madden Smiley and Avery Smiley.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; and two brothers, Richard and Dayle Butner.

Pallbearers are Joe VonSeggern, Michael Capps, David VonSeggern and Steve Smiley. Honorary pallbearers are Arthur Coulthard, Christopher Tapp, Bethany VonSeggern, Jessica Savage, Nikki VonSeggern, Craig Butner and Vincent Green.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the First Christian Church in Cheyenne with Caolon McNamee officiating. Interment will be at 2 p.m. at Wheatland Cemetery with Steve Smiley officiating.

Contributions may be sent to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter, the Wyoming Highway Patrol or to the First Christian Church.

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