

Benjamin O. 'Dick' Dockter

TORRINGTON — Funeral services for Benjamin O. "Dick" Dockter, 87, will be held at 1 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Wheatland with the Rev. Rick Carroll officiating. Burial with military honors will be held in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died June 21, 2002, at Community Hospital.

He was born July 29, 1914, at Monango, N.D. to Gottlieb and Magdalena (Frigen) Dockter. He graduated from Monango High School in 1933 and worked on a Wyoming ranch. He married Margaret Clay at Gering, Neb., on April 21, 1941.

On April 23, 1941, he entered the U.S. Army Ground Forces 115th Cavalry Band where he played the clarinet. He was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and Fort Knox, Ky. He later served in the Philippine Islands and the Occupation Force in Japan. He was discharged in 1945. He was a Technician Fifth Grade in the 637th Tank Destroyer Battalion. In 1947 he joined the Wyoming National Guard, and he was appointed a Warrant Officer in 1950. During the Korean Conflict, he was sent from Fort Campbell, Ky., to Japan in 1952.

He later returned to Wheatland and worked at Perry Lumber Company. In 1968 he moved to the National Guard Unit in Casper where he was the state supply officer. In 1979, he retired and he and his family moved to Torrington.

He loved to fish and enjoyed big band music.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Linda Dockter; three brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret of Torrington; three sons, Richard Dockter of Denver, Dennis Dockter of Sherwood, Ark., and George Dockter of Torrington; three sisters, Olga Henry of Mesa, Ariz., Bertha Bardell of Jameston, N.D., and Leona Rempfer of Edgeley, N.D.; two brothers, Ervin Dockter of Devils Lake, N.D., and Melvin Dockter of Orangevale, Calif.;

two grandsons; and a granddaughter.