

Harold Laurence Harris

WHEATLAND — Funeral services for Harold Laurence Harris, 86, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church with Andy Gudahl, minister, officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died June 2, 1998, at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

He was born May 14, 1912, in Red Cloud, Minn., to Charles and Clara (Osborn) Harris. In 1915, his parents moved 18 miles southeast of Gillette to homestead. After his father died, he and his brothers worked on nearby ranches to help the family out.

He joined the CCC Camp in 1937. He then went to Ketchum, Idaho, to work on the construction of the Sun Valley Ski Resort.

After World War II began, he

joined the Navy in March 1942. After boarding ship at San Diego, he sailed through the Panama Canal to the Atlantic Ocean. He made several ocean crossings, delivering materials to the war zone. After two years in the Atlantic, he sailed back to the Pacific war zone and was on the USS Procyon, which was in the last invasion on Formosa Island.

He was honorably discharged in 1945 and received numerous service medals.

He returned to Gillette and worked as a carpenter.

He married Nettie Irene Broyles in Sheridan on May 10, 1946.

~~In November 1952, they~~ purchased a farm near Wheatland and moved there. In addition to farming, he worked for the Wheatland Irrigation District.

In 1971, they sold their farm and bought a mountain ranch west of Wheatland. They sold the ranch in 1978 after buying a ranch near Chugwater in 1973.

In 1990, she convinced him to retire and they bought a home near Wheatland.

He enjoyed hunting Indian artifacts while he was out fixing fence or working on the ranch. He also planted trees and improved all of the land they owned.

Survivors include his wife of Wheatland, four children, David Harris of Glenrock, Karen Vallee of Cheyenne, Steve Harris of Wheatland and Stanley Harris of Pine Bluffs; a brother, Charles Harris of Forsythe, Mont.; two sisters, Norma Streit of Guide Rock, Neb., and Hazel Sherard of Sheridan and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Donald Harris, and a sister, Katherine

Reisch.

Memorials to the Alzheimer's Foundation or American Cancer Society, in care of Tri-County Federal Savings Bank, 957 Maple St., Wheatland, 82201, would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the First Christian Church Fireside Room on Thursday from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of arrangements. *June 3, 1998*
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