HAVARD, RONALD EDWARD
February 21, 1953-January 25, 2001

Funeral services were held here Tuesday for Ronald Havard, 47, following a work-related accident that claimed his life Jan. 25.

Havard was working at Southfork Lumber when the sweatshirt he was wearing became entangled in a conveyor-type "green chain" machine, causing his neck to break.

When Eastern Wyoming Ambulance Service arrived on the scene at approximately 11 a.m., co-workers were performing CPR. Ambulance crews were able to resuscitate him, and transported him to Platte County Memorial Hospital, where he was flown by helicopter to the United Medical Center in Cheyenne.

He remained there on life support, until it was turned off at the request of his family.

According to OSHA employee Johnny Hall, the incident which he described as a "freak accident" is currently under investigation, and the results will be released at a later date.

This is the first on-the-job fatality to occur at Southfork Lumber since it was established in Wheatland in 1991.