

Donald William Hitt

5-25-1998
Services for Donald William Hitt, 81, were held Thursday, May 28, at 10 a.m. at the Platte Funeral Chapel in Wheatland, Wyo., with Pastor Denzil G. Mauk of the Wheatland Bible Church officiating. Inurnment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Hitt died Monday, May 25, at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland. Don was born September 5, 1916, in Slater, Wyo., the son of Marion Elmer and Luella Mae (Pickens) Hitt. He was raised in the Iowa Flats area east of Chugwater, Wyo. As a young person he loved playing the harmonica and accordion. On many occasions he accompanied his father, who played the five-string banjo and harmonica at home parties and dances. He also loved playing baseball with his father. While attending High School in Iowa Center School, he played on the Chimney Rock High School basketball team. He graduated from the Iowa Center School in 1934 with two other students. After graduation, he moved to California and worked for Harry P. LaBaw raising poultry, oranges, and walnuts, and then for the Kellog Horse Ranch. He moved back to Wheatland in late 1946 and worked for Rose Skelly Service Station, and Perry Brothers Construction. He later started his own carpentry business.

In 1952, he married Maye E. Huffer and they made their home in Wheatland. He continued his

carpentry business until he retired in 1985 after heart surgery. In February 1998, Don moved from his home to the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing the harmonica, baseball, rodeo, and spending time with his family.

Don is survived by two sisters, Florence Elma Jenkins of Wheatland and Gladys Atherly of Beaumont, Calif.; a step-daughter, Dottie Steeley of Wheatland; six grandchildren, Bev Orr of Old Town, Idaho, Roseanne L Burnett of Wheatland, Roberta McIntire of Denver, Colo., Liz Thomas of Cheyenne, Wyo., Maureen McIntire of Seattle, Wash., and Matt McIntire of Omaha, Neb.; seven great-grandchildren, Carrie Harmon, Cody Burnett, Christa Burnett-Kurth, Coni Burnett, Alex Thomas, Jessie and Jimmy McIntire; and one great-grandson, Bryce Harmon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Maye E. Hitt on September 10, 1991; two brothers, Floyd Raymond Hitt and Elmer LeRoy Hitt; one sister, Francis Viola Hitt Neal; a step-son, Robert R. McIntire; a grandson, Chris McIntire; a granddaughter, Rhonda L. Steeley; and a great-grandson, Scotty Joe Burnett.

Memorials to the Cathedral Home for Children, P.O. Box 562, Laramie, WY, 82073 would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.



DON HITT: Don died May 25th. He was born at Slater, Wyoming or Sept. 5, 1916. Don had one daughter, 6 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 1 great-great granchild. He enjoyed baseball, horseshoes, fishing and hunting.

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