

# Dr. Billy LeMoyne Holmes

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Funeral services for Dr. Billy LeMoyne Holmes, 61, were Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 10 a.m. at the Platte Funeral Chapel in Wheatland, with Reverend Les Ludlam of the United Methodist Church officiating, and services by the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Wheatland Paradise Lodge #29. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery with graveside rites by the Wheatland Masonic Lodge #56 AF&AM.

Dr. Holmes died Friday, Nov. 28 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

He was born Dec. 7, 1915, in Moundsville, W.V., the son of Earl A. and Hazel Dell (Bowers) Holmes. The family lived in Zanesville, Ohio, for ten years; then moved to Steubenville, Ohio; and then to Dundalk, Md. where he rode a streetcar to Sparrows Point, Md, where he graduated from high school in 1933. He worked at several jobs before joining the United State Army and served in Japan during World War II. After the service, he went to National College of Chiropractic in Chicago, Ill., graduating in 1949. On Nov. 25, 1950, he married Margaret Helen Durmek in Chicago. They moved to Laramie, Wyo., in 1952 and Dr. Holmes went into chiropractic practices with his brother until 1954 when he moved to Wheatland opening an office and practicing until he retired in 1982. Dr. Holmes was a Past Noble Grand in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Paradise Lodge #29 in Wheatland, a charter member of Masonic Gem City Lodge #52, A.F. & A.M. in Laramie, a member of American Legion Post #10 in Wheatland, and secretary of many bowling leagues. His hobbies included coin and stamp collecting, reading, traveling, and collecting clocks. He was an avid bowler and football fan. He was a devoted husband and father.

He is survived by his wife , Margaret "Marge" Holmes of Wheatland; two daughters, Barbara Biles of Spokane, Wash., and Sandra L. Madl of Elkhorn, Wis.; a brother, Dr. Earle Holmes of Scottsdale, Ariz.; four grandchildren, Amber London of Aurora, Colo., Ellen Madl of Elkhorn, Wis., John Madl Jr. of Chicago, Ill., and Laura Zawadzki of Winthrop Harbor, Ill.; and five great grandchildren.

Dr. Holmes was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jack M. Holmes on June 23, 1997; and a nephew, Brent Holmes.

Serving as pallbearers were Hugo Lenz, Eldon Randall, Jim Dunham, Harry Weber, Will Crites, and Ed Drury.

Memorials to the Platte County Memorial Hospital, "Family Room Fund", 201-14th Street, Wheatland, Wyo., 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

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