

HOWSHAR, EDWARD G.

September 9, 1936-September 21, 2003

Funeral liturgy for Edward G. "Doc" Howshar, 67, will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25, at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Wheatland, Wyo., with Father Jan Santich and Father Joseph Fraher as celebrants and Mark Howshar, M.D. as eulogist.

A vigil for the deceased will be held Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church. Interment with military graveside rites accorded will be in the Prairie Rest Cemetery at Guernsey, Wyoming.

Dr. Howshar died early Sunday, September 21, at Platte County Memorial Hospital after a three month's battle with cancer.

Dr. Howshar was born Sept. 9, 1936, in Hartville, to Thomas and Mary (Hytrek) Howshar.

Dr. Howshar graduated from Sunrise High School in 1954 and attended the University of Wyoming on a scholarship. He was a member of the ROTC and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, serving as president his senior year. He graduated in 1959 with a Master's Degree in Zoology and attended Medical School at the University of Colorado in Denver, where he met his future wife.

On May 5, 1962, he married Virginia Mathis at Saint Philomena Catholic Church in Denver. During medical school, Dr. Howshar was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force as a part of the Senior Program. He graduated in 1964 with the rank of Captain and spent one year internship at Malcolm Reed Hospital, Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C. He became a flight surgeon training at Brooks AFB, Texas, and then was assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> TAC Reconnaissance Wing RAF Alconbury, Hunts, England. After serving his tour of duty, he entered private medical practice in Wheatland in 1967, as a family practitioner and general surgeon.

In 1976, he joined the Wyoming National Guard, serving at Camp Guernsey until 1996 when he retired with the rank of Colonel. After over 30 years in medicine, Doc Howshar retired from practice at the Wheatland Medical Clinic in 2001.

He enjoyed boating and water skiing, vacationing and traveling with family and friends, winning at cards, and always involved in some working project.

Dr. Howshar is survived by his wife of 41 years, Virginia of Wheatland; daughter, Susie Hall and husband, Dale, of Greeley, Colo.; two sons, Mark and wife Julianne, of Ft. Collins, Colo., and Mike and wife Erin, of Seattle, Wash.; grandchildren, Jacob and Abby Howshar of Ft. Collins and Kimberly McNutley and husband Frank, of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; brother, Tom "Bud" Howshar and wife, Agnes, of Guernsey; two sisters, Mary Alice Stapleton of Wheatland and Margaret Jeffries of Kansas City, Missouri; and many nieces and nephews.

Dr. Howshar was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Mary Beth in childhood, and two brothers-in-law.

Serving as pallbearers will be Willard Woods, M.D., Steve Peasley, M.D., Doug Schmitz, M.D., Frank Jones, Dave Burke and Jon Larscheid. Honorary pallbearers will be all of his many friends and associates.

Family and friends may call at the funeral chapel on Wednesday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.