

## Clifford Charles Johnke

February 20, 1934-August 12, 1999

Services and interment for Clifford Charles Johnke, 65, were held Monday, August 16 at the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland with Pastor Charles Clough officiating and military graveside rites conducted.

Mr. Johnke died Thursday, August 12, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland following an extended illness.

Clifford was born on February 20, 1934, in Centerville, S.D. to Elmer Carl and Myrtle Mac (Olmstead) Johnke. Shortly after his birth he moved to Wyoming with his family where they resided in Chugwater... a place he always loved.

After receiving his education in Chugwater, Clifford joined the United States Army and was

stationed in Panama as a military policeman. He married Patty Scott on May 29, 1956, in Hot Springs, S.D. They

made their home in Chugwater where Clifford was employed by The Farmers Coop. In 1967, Clifford and Patty relocated and moved their family (by then they had two young children) to Wheatland. Clifford was employed by Platte Equipment as a mechanic for years and later by the Town of Wheatland, where he worked until 1980.

An avid outdoorsman, Clifford loved to hunt and fish. He took his family camping to his Dicks Hills often on family vacations, and shared his love of nature with them. Clifford enjoyed working in his greenhouse and grape arbor where he was a remarkable gardener. He also enjoyed arts and crafts and made numerous gifts for family members; his talents were endless.

Clifford is survived by his wife; Patty Johnke of Wheatland; one son and his wife, Bill and Mary Jo Johnke of Wheatland; one daughter and her husband, Becky and Mike Pearce of Laramie, Wyo.; three beautiful grandchildren, Amanda and Robert Johnke of Wheatland and Jessica Meister of Wichita, Kans.; one brother, Ted Johnke of Hartville, Wyo.; and several nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Elmer.

Clifford will be dearly missed by all who knew him and remembered as a gentle man with a big heart.

Serving as pallbearers were Jim Lambert, Bert Peterson, Robert Day, Tim Goolsby, Jerry Lambert and Luke Williams. Honorary pallbearers were Ardie Sturdivant, Chris Williams and John Lambert. Sammy Goolsby, Ray Arnold and Doug Arnold.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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