

Robert J. "Bud" Kessler

February 11, 1930 - June 11, 2004

Graveside services and interment for Robert J. "Bud" Kessler, 74, will be conducted at 1:30 P.M. Wednesday, June 16, 2004, in the Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland, Wyoming, with Pastor Scott Hirano of the United Church of Christ officiating.

Mr. Kessler died Friday, June 11, 2004, at United Medical Center - West in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Bud was born February 11, 1930, in Brecksville, Ohio, the son of Robert R. and Mildred K. (Nouzak) Kessler. He was reared and educated in Brecksville, graduating from Brecksville High School. He attended two years of college at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio, in the field of civil engineering. Bud married Wilma Ruth Impett, November 3, 1951, in North Olmstead, Ohio. He was in the Army National Guard and in 1953, was called to active duty in Korea. Upon his return to civilian life, he was employed as a heavy equipment operator and the family home was in Brecksville for 22 years. The family moved to Laramie, Wyoming in 1976 and then to Wheatland in 1979, where he continued as a union operating engineer working out of Wyoming to locations throughout the States.

Bud enjoyed fishing, hunting, was a NASCAR fan, liked bird watching and all kinds of flowers

and cactus. He loved his beagles and all other dogs. He liked to travel to see his children and luckily they moved often so he and Wilma visited much of the West. Bud enjoyed being a heavy equipment operator and was to receive his 50 year pin from Operating Engineers International the end of June, 2004.

Survivors include his wife of over 50 years of Wheatland; four children, Jim Kessler of Eagan, Minnesota, Kathy Thomas of White Salmon, Washington, Linda Gray of Colorado City, Colorado, and David Kessler of Antigo, Wisconsin; a brother, Charles Kessler of North Royalton, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Millie Tsolakis; and, a brother, Rich Kessler.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jim Kessler, David Kessler, Joe Gray, Amy Thomas, Zach Christianson, and Nathan Christianson.

Memorials to the American Heart Association, 1807 Capitol Avenue, Suite 103, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001 would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the funeral chapel on Wednesday from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.