

LANKFORD, JOHN C.
December 7, 1924-June 22, 2009

A funeral service for JC "JaBo" Lankford, 84, was conducted on Thursday, June 30, 2009, at the Memorial Baptist Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Pastor Craig Cagle. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Monday, June 22, 2009, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

JC was born December 7, 1924, in Rector, Arkansas, the son of Albert Elvis and May Elizabeth (Williams) Lankford. He was reared and educated in Arkansas. JC married Betty Baker in 1947 and seven children were born of this union; they later divorced. He moved to California where he began a career as a plumber-pipe fitter; and, then to Sparks, Nevada, where he primarily worked during his life. He moved to Wheatland to live with one of his daughters and met Luella (Wing) Sands who he married February 17, 1990, in Wheatland. Ja Bo loved to entertain by playing the guitar and singing. He loved fishing, hunting, playing pool, and gardening. He was a member of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 350 since 1951. He will greatly be missed by his entire family.

Survivors include his wife, Lou of Wheatland; seven children, Marty Buttz of Wheatland, Betty Hanner of Oroville, California, Susan (Richard) Bauer of Wheatland, Jon Lankford of Gillette, Jim Lankford of Ogden, Kansas, Ricky Lankford of Oroville, and Brenda Hanner of Oroville; six step-children, Connie (Kenny) Bordelon of Wheatland, Monte (Nancy) McCleery of Grosse Tete, Louisiana, Michael (Debbie) McCleery of Riverdale, California, Carla (Art) Petty of Custer, South Dakota, Glen (Linda) Sands of Sapulpa, Oklahoma and Jennifer (Landy) Fertig of Cheyenne, Wyoming; 10 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren; 19 step-grandchildren; and numerous step-great grandchildren; and special canine companion, Dolly.

He is preceded in death by his parents and several siblings.

Serving as pallbearers were Art Petty, Jon E. Lankford, Kenny Hutchins, Landy Fertig, Kenny Bordelon and Ross Sands. Honorary pallbearers were Richard Bauer, Rick Lankford, Jim Lankford, R.J. Bauer and Jon Lankford.

Memorials to the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home, 201 14 St., Wheatland, Wyoming, 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

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