

Mike Lewis Lantis

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Graveside funeral services and interment for Mike Lewis Lantis, 79, were held Monday, May 10, 1993 at 10 a.m. at the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland with Pastor Gordon Swedberg officiating.

Mr. Lantis died Thursday, May 6, 1993 at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland. He was born Jan. 24, 1914 in Harrison, Neb., the son of David Lewis and Mercie Electra (Burrell) Lantis.

He was reared and educated in Harrison, and following his education he worked as a ranch hand on various ranches.

He entered the United States Army and served during World War II. Following his discharge he came to Colorado, and worked in several western states. He was married to Virginia Deborski on Nov. 19, 1962 in Fort Collins, Colo.

He worked as a heavy equipment operator for 18 years for Boulder County, Colo.

He came to Wheatland in 1972, and worked for the Town of Wheatland as the assistant Water Commissioner, retiring in 1976.

In his retirement years he worked at various jobs helping people out that were in need.

He was active with the Salvation Army, and loved all types of sports and outdoor activities. He was a loving husband, father and was always concerned for the welfare of others.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia, of Wheatland, and seven children, Pennie Nelson of Northglenn, Colo., Trudy Lantis of Seattle, Wash., David Lantis of Walla Walla, Wash., Judy Criswell of Nunn, Colo., Sheryl Fly of El Cajon, Calif., Ed Prime of Guernsey and Robert Lantis of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Seventeen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also remain.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Bonnita Dixon, a son, LeRoy Lantis, five brothers, Martin Lantis, Alexander Lantis, Webber Lantis, Floyd Lantis and Erastus Lantis, and one sister, Elmira Bowdish.

A Mike Lantis Memorial Fund has been established and donations would be appreciated by the family. The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of arrangements.