

Merlyn Richard Lockwood

February 17, 1932 – March 15, 2015

A funeral service for Merlyn Richard Lockwood, 83, will be held at 11 p.m. Saturday, March 21 at the Wheatland High School Auditorium in Wheatland with Reverend Joshua Bruns of the Covenant Lutheran Church officiating. Interment will be at the Wheatland Cemetery.

Merlyn Lockwood passed away Sunday, March 15 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Merlyn was born on a farm nine miles north of Kimball, Neb. the son of Alfred John Dodge II and Lorraine Melvina (Stull) Lockwood on Feb. 17, 1932.

They moved to Colorado when Merlyn was one year of age. He attended Stove Prairie School west of Fort Collins, Colo. He graduated from high school in 1950 from Fort Collins High School.

He worked in the oil and uranium field until 1957. He began college that fall and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in 1961 and a Master's degree in 1969 from Colorado State University. He also took classes at the University of Wyoming, University of Colorado, Eastern Wyoming Junior College, Casper Junior College, and Northwestern Junior College at Powell.

He taught from 1961-1964 at Loveland High and 1964-1992 at Wheatland Middle School. In 1969 he was appointed adjunct professor from University of Wyoming to teach extension classes for the University of Wyoming and Eastern Wyoming Junior College.

Outside of the classroom he coached wrestling at Loveland High and Wheatland Middle School. He was one of 12 Wyoming teachers to rewrite WEA constitution that did away with the classroom teachers association. He started and directed a state wide in service program from 1968-1972 that was called the "helpmobile" for teachers.

Was outstanding Young Teacher while in Love-

land in 1964 and was twice nominated for teacher of the year in Wyoming for Platte County. He received the NEA Hilda Mahling Fellowship in 1971, was given the National Geographic teacher of Geography in 1973, and was President of Platte County Education Association for two years. He received Humanitarian of the year for Headstart in Wheatland, State of Wyoming, and Region in 1998. Was a life member of the Lutheran Church, was president twice and secretary of Trinity Lutheran, a charter member of Covenant Lutheran church and held council office in the same. He was a charter member of the Wheatland Kiwanis Club.

He married Dorothy L. Schafer on August 17, 1958.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Lockwood of Wheatland; children, Laura (Tom) Lewis of Firestone, Colo., James Lockwood of Wheatland, Lisa Lockwood of Fern Dale, Wash., and Ryan Lockwood of Fern Dale, Wash.; siblings, Harold (Joyce) of Douglas, Allen (Bev) Lockwood of Brentwood, Calif., and Sharon (George) Clagett of Anchorage, Alaska; six grandchildren; four step grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Delbert Lockwood from a airplane explosion in Taiwan in 1972; sister, Judy Pearsons; and sister-in-law, Glenda Lockwood-Bryant.

Friends and family may call at the funeral home Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A memorial to the Covenant Lutheran Church, 1863 South Street, Wheatland, WY 82201 or to the Kiwanis Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 703, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.gormanfh.com