

William Orin Martin, 1924-1995

Funeral services for William Orin Martin, 71, will be held Thursday, May 18, 1995, at 10 a.m. at the Platte Funeral Chapel in Wheatland, with Pastor Lynn Nikkel of the Memorial Baptist Church of Wheatland officiating. Interment will follow in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Martin died Sunday, May 14, 1995 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland following a long illness.

He was born March 24, 1924 in Chugwater, the son of Warren and Gladys (Long) Martin. He was reared and educated in Chugwater, and attended school in Cheyenne for one year. He joined the United States Army and served for three years in Panama and India.

After the service, he returned to the Wheatland area in 1945 and worked logging and ranching in Palmer Canyon. He married Joan Pickerill in Wheatland on Oct. 24, 1956, and after their marriage they moved to Chugwater where they ran a farm and ranch operation until their retirement to Wheatland in the fall of 1994. William enjoyed crossword puzzles and working with animals. His grandchildren were a joy to him.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, of Wheatland, his mother, Gladys, of Wheatland, a son, Orin Martin of Wheatland, and a daughter, Karen Jean Martin of Stillwater, Okla. Also remaining are a sister, Doris Mentor of Kennewick, Wash., and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father.

Serving as pallbearers will be Greg Horton, Greg Wedemeyer, Don Gillaspie, Terry Gillaspie, Carl Bliss and Jewel Bennett. Honorary pallbearers will be Buck Cox, Kenneth Gillaspie, Don Cox, Jeff Martin, Oscar Pickerill, Bert Gillaspie, Clyde Caster Jr., and Byron Gillaspie.

Memorials to the William Martin Memorial Fund in care of the Platte Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 816, Wheatland, WY 82201, would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the funeral chapel today (Wednesday) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.