

Ronald Owen McCormick

July 25, 1949 – July 26, 2005

Memorial services for Wheatland resident, Ronald Owen McCormick, 56, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 30 at the Wheatland High School Auditorium in Wheatland, with the Reverend Joel Dingman and Chaplain Ron Shell officiating, and John Rogers as eulogist. Military honors will be conducted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Laramie Peak Post No. 3558. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

He passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 26 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Cheyenne, after a long battle with cancer.

Ronald was born July 25, 1949, in Boulder, Colo., the son of James A. and Lucille Marie (Crowell) McCormick. He attended country school at Palisade, Neb., and moved to Grant, Neb. in 1957, where he attended school and graduated in 1967. In 1969, he graduated from Auto Body Vo-Tech School in Goodland, Kans. Ron married the love of his life, Dorothy L. Gallington on March 7, 1970, in Ogallala, Neb. He joined the United States Army in 1969; and, in 1973 he transferred into the Nebraska National Guard where he served as the Supply Sergeant for the 168th Artillery Unit. In 1984, he transferred into the Wyoming National Guard, serving as 1st Sgt. for the 133rd Engineering Unit until his retirement in 1994. He was employed by Kinder Morgan (K-N Energy) for 20 years and retired due to health reasons. Ron was very active in the Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department, serving as Fire Chief for eight years. He also served in the Palmer Canyon Rural Fire District as the Assistant Fire Warden until his death. Ron served 26 years in Volunteer Fire Ser-

vices and was a member of Platte County Search and Rescue for 12 years. Ron loved to camp and fish with his family and friends. He never knew a stranger, "only friends I've yet to meet", he would say.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years of Wheatland; two sons and their families Jerald Arlin McCormick and wife, Michelle, and grandchildren, Anna, Falon, Trevor, and Shawn all of Casper, and Jeffrey Allen McCormick and wife, Shannon, and grandson, James, all of Chugwater; three sisters and their spouses, Arlene Marie and husband, Art Cornelius of Hill City, S.D., Caren Colleen and Bob Farber of Springfield, Ore., and Nancy Jean and Boyd Miller of Culbertson, Neb.; many nieces and nephews; and his chemotherapy Brothers and Sisters at the VA in Cheyenne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Gary Wayne McCormick and Arthur LeRoy McCormick; mother-in-law, Frances Gallington; and two brothers-in-law, Robert Manary and Donald Christensen.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be all of his many friends.

Memorials to a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family.

Ron's wife and sons wish to express their profound gratitude to all of his medical care providers over the last several years. They especially wish to thank his attending physicians, chemo nurses, and nursing staff for their excellent care and compassionate service and assistance at the VA in Cheyenne.

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