

Elroy A. Mel Melberg

July 10, 1918 - February 15, 2006

Funeral services for Elroy A. "Mel" Melberg, 87, were conducted at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Feb. 20 at Covenant Lutheran Church in Wheatland, with Pastor David Wood officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Elroy was born July 10, 1918, in Ellingson, S.D., the son of Carrie (Tormoen) and Amund J. Melberg. He was reared and educated in Blair, Wisc., graduating from Blair High School. He joined the Army Air Corps and served during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

On March 4, 1949, he married Shirley L. Ivey in Ft. Worth, Texas, at the Air Force Chapel.

He was a flight engineer with long range bombers and was honorably discharged July 31, 1961, after over 21 years of service. He was involved in real estate in Augusta, Wisc., before moving to Cheyenne and working for the right-of-way department with the Wyoming Highway Department. In 1981, the Melbergs moved to Wheatland, living in the country on Sybille Creek Road; they moved into town in

2004. He was active in Ascension Lutheran Church in Cheyenne and then Covenant Lutheran Church in Wheatland. He was a former member of the Lion's Club, sang in the choir at Covenant Lutheran Church, enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, camping and working on his farm.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years of Wheatland; three children, Carol Tarantola and husband, Bob of Casper, Glen Melberg of Mount Shasta, Calif., and Janet Adams and husband, Paul of Cheyenne; and three grandchildren, Kristi Tarantola, Cyrena Adams, and Alexander Adams all of Cheyenne.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Serving as pallbearers will be Bob Tarantola, Glen Melberg, Paul Adams, Alexander Adams, Jim Prince, and Larry McKee. Honorary pallbearers will be Ed Bauer, Stu Hammersmark, and Rick Robbins.

Memorials to Covenant Lutheran Church, 1863 South Road, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

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