

Ronald Jay Messmer

May 8, 1972 - March 24, 2005

Funeral services for Ronald Jay Messmer, 32, will be conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 30 at Memorial Baptist Church in Wheatland with Pastor Craig Cagle officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Thursday, March 24 at United Medical Center - West in Cheyenne.

Ronald was born May 8, 1972, in Denver, Colo., the son of Douglas Lee and Patricia Ann (Davis) Messmer. The family made their home in Glenrock for a few years, and then in 1984 moved to Guernsey. He graduated from Guernsey-Sunrise High School in 1990, and then attended an automotive technical school in Phoenix, Ariz. Upon graduation he returned to Guernsey to work as an automotive mechanic. On June 7, 1997, Ronald married Amanda L. Shefferd in Wheatland. They lived in Guernsey until moving to Wheatland in 2000. He was working for Laramie Peak Motors at the time of his death.

Ron enjoyed fishing, hunting, and most of all spending time with his wife and his two children.

He is survived by his wife, Amanda; children, Arvid Messmer and Kayla Messmer all of Wheatland; his mother, Patricia Messmer of Guernsey;

two sisters, Jean and husband Matt Kawiecki of Santa Barbara, Calif., Becky and husband Charles Shank of Guernsey; two brothers, Duane and wife Johnna Messmer of Evanston, and Charlie and wife Keri Messmer of Md.; paternal grandmother, Evelyn Messmer of Ind.; mother-in-law, Kate Shefferd of Wheatland; sister-in-law, Amber Warner of Wheatland; 17 nieces and nephews; and numerous aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father on Mar. 6, 2002; paternal grandfather; maternal grandparents; and several aunts and uncles.

Serving as pallbearers will be Justin Hill, Mark Knickerbocker, Dustin Boyson, Brett McKinley, Bill Wells, and Gary Marker.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Casey Orr, Chuck Ruwart, Gene McGuire, Bucky McClain, James Hawley M.D., Kelly Clark, and all of his many other friends and family.

Memorials to the Ronald J. Messmer Memorial Fund in care of Bank of the West, P.O. Box 908, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the funeral chapel on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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