

Rollover claims life of local man



Photo by Linda Savell

Highway patrolmen investigate the accident that claimed the life of Chugwater resident Donald L. Milburn on Interstate 25 just south of the Johnson Road exit.

Chugwater resident Donald L. Milburn died in a one vehicle rollover on Interstate 25 at the bridge south of the Johnson Road exit.

According to Wyoming Highway Patrolman, Randy Teeters, Milburn was traveling northbound when he lost control of his 1998 Ford F-150 pickup truck. The truck struck the guardrail and then entered

the median and rolled twice. Milburn was ejected and died on the scene. Teeters said Milburn was not wearing his seatbelt.

Chuck Bloom, the new highway patrol officer in Wheatland, joined officer from Torrington in investigating the accident. This was Bloom's second day on duty.

Donald L. Milburn

Services and interment for Donald L. Milburn, 52, were held Friday, January 22, at the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland, Wyo., with Reverend Les Ludlum of the Wheatland United Methodist Church officiating.

Mr. Milburn died Wednesday, January 20, near Wheatland from injuries sustained in a vehicular accident.

Donald was born October 24, 1946, in Kansas City, Mo., the son of Richard and Evelyn Ruth (Holland) Miller. He was reared and educated in the Kansas City area; graduating from high school and joining the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam Conflict. He worked in the Kansas City area before moving to Cheyenne, Wyo. in 1991 to work for Sinclair Trucking as a crude oil hauler. Donald married Sharon (Murphy) Dyer on December 27, 1991 in Fort Collins, Colo. and they moved to Chugwater, Wyo. in 1994. He enjoyed fishing, model airplanes, boating and most other outdoor activities.

Donald is survived by his wife, Sharon Milburn of Chugwater; mother, Evelyn Ruth Miller of Lincoln, Neb.; two children, Tammy Hall of Fairfax, Calif. and Donald James Milburn of Chandler, Ariz.; a step-daughter, Tina Wombaker of Chugwater; two sisters and one brother, Doris of Warrensburg, Mo., Joyce of Harvey, Iowa, and Robert Miller of Warrensburg, Mo.; one grandson, Kaleb Wombaker of Chugwater; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father in September of 1997.

Memorials to St. Joseph's Children's Home, The Living Memorial Program, P.O. Box 1117, Torrington, WY 82240 would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.