Frances E. Morris
1930 to 1996

Funeral services for Francis E. "Sonny" Morris, 65, were held Friday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Wheatland Bible Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Gordon Swedberg officiating.

Interment was at the Wheatland Cemetery.

Born April 7, 1930, in Wheatland, Morris was the son of Francis Ware and Irma (VanSkike) Morris.

He was reared and educated in Lingle, Wyo., graduating from Lingle High School. He also graduated from the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

Morris entered the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and served in the Korean Conflict. After returning to Wyoming, he served in the National Guard and was discharged as a Captain.

Morris married Helen A. Ayers on April 27, 1956, in Lingle.

He worked for the USDA FmHA for 40 years and was district director when he retired.

During his working years, the family lived in Sheridan, Riverton, Torrington and Sundance, Wyo., moving to Wheatland in 1976. He retired in October, 1993.

He was a member of the Elks in Torrington and the Moose Lodge in Wheatland. He was past president of the TKE fraternity and participated in the ROTC program while in college.

He wrestled for the University of Wyoming for three years. He enjoyed hunting and camping.

Morris is survived by his wife, Helen, of Wheatland; two children, Debbie Morris of Florence, Mont. and Ware Morris of Douglas, Wyo.; his mother, Irma Morris of Lingle; a sister, Betty Jo Graham of Delhi, Calif.; and a brother, Frank Morris of Delhi; three grandchildren, Wesley and Melinda Morris of Douglas and Nicole Morris of Florence.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ware, in October., 1989; and a granddaughter, Sara Morris in 1982.

Pallbearers were Fred Brownlee, Jack Hyde, Marlin Schlup, Floyd Ingold, Clarence Banish and Roger Reinke.

Honorary pallbearers were all of his many friends.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society, in care of 1108 10th Str., Wheatland, would be appreciated by the family.

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