

PALMER, JOHN D.

June 2, 1932-August 12, 1954

John D. Palmer, 22, a lifetime resident of the community, died from carbon monoxide poisoning here early Thursday morning, having committed suicide in his car which was parked on the north side of the Kretz residence at 501 15th Street.

The car had been standing on blocks in the Kretz yard for several days before the incident, which occurred some time after 11:30 p.m. His body was discovered in the morning and reported to Sheriff Sutherland shortly before eight o'clock. No notes were left by the deceased youth to explain his action.

Funeral services were held at the Schrader chapel Monday, but burial was delayed until Wednesday, awaiting the arrival of out-of-state relatives, including Palmer's mother, Mrs. Everett Lee of Cascadia, Ore. Officiating minister was the Rev. L.J. Stevenson of the Methodist church. Max Shafer, Don Locke, James Kretz, Don Whittaker, Horace Wilson, and Duane Whittaker were pallbearers, and burial was in the Wheatland cemetery.

John D. Palmer was born in Wheatland June 2, 1932, and was a truck driver by trade. He was a veteran of the Korean war. He was the son of Lyle D. Palmer of San Francisco, Calif., who came to Wheatland for the final rites.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a daughter, Ernestine Kay, of Wheatland, and five aunts and uncles. They are Charles D. Palmer of Wheatland; Mrs. C.E. McDowell of Selah, Wash.; P.J. Palmer, Westminster, Colo.; F.N. Palmer, Golden, Colo.; and Dale E. Palmer, Othello, Wash.