

Nelson B. "Nels" Patterson 1912 to 1996

Funeral services for Nelson B. "Nels" Patterson, 83, were held Wednesday, April 10 at 2p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wheatland with Reverend David L. Anderson officiating. Interment were in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Patterson died Sunday, April 7 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Nels was born June 5, 1912, in Linn, Mo., the son of Vivian and Maude (Branson) Patterson. He was reared and educated in Linn; and came to Wyoming in the 1930's.

As a young man he worked on ranches in Wyoming, the Diamond Ranch was one of these; and for Nimmo Livestock Company as freighter and camp tender.

He married Flossie Gillaspie on May 10, 1938, in Greeley, Colo.

Nels served in the United States Navy from 1943 to the end of World War II; he served on the U.S.S. California battleship. After his discharge, he and Flossie purchased a ranch on Fish Creek, north of Wheatland and lived their until her death in 1955.

Nels married Lenora Johnson on May 5, 1977, in Wheatland.

They farmed on the Wheatland Flats for sev-

eral years and then Nels worked for the Town of Wheatland in the water department; he was self employed as a plumber until his retirement.

He enjoyed gardening, taking care of his lawn, fishing and his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Lenora, of Wheatland; a daughter, Linda Patterson of Carr. Colo.; a son, Dave and wife, Darla Patterson of Wheatland; a sister, Ethel Voss of Joseph, Ore.; a brother, Wayne Patterson of Santa Rosa, Calif.; and three grandchildren, Sean, Krista and Janella Patterson all of Wheatland.

Nels was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Flossie Patterson in 1955; and three brothers, Frank, Blake and Ray Patterson.

Serving as pallbearers were Dan Cornwell, Rick Geringer, John Stephens, Kenneth Gillaspie, Oscar Johnson and Jim Geringer.

Memorials to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 1004 Willow Street, Wheatland, Wyo., 82201, to the American Lung Association of Wyoming, 415 E. Pershing Blv., Box 1128, Cheyenne Wyo., 82003, or to the choice of donor would be appreciated by the family.

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