

Hilton E. Randall

June 26, 1924-April 8, 2001

Services for Hilton E. Randall, 76, were held in Casper on Thursday, April 12, at Bustard's Funeral Home with Rev. Derek DeToni-Hill from the F.U.M.C. officiating. Randall died of natural causes, April 8, at his home.

He was born June 26, 1924, in Wheatland, the son of Emma (Akerblade) and Charles Randall. He was reared on the family homestead near Sybille Creek. He attended school in Wheatland and worked in Wheatland.

He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Pacific Theater. He was honorably discharged in 1946. After the war, he returned to Wheatland and later moved to Casper.

On August 6, 1955 he married Elva June Babcock in Fairbury, Neb. at the First Christian Church.

He was the first caretaker at Memorial Gardens Cemetery from 1956-1959 and again from 1971-1978. He owned and operated Randall's Battery Service in the 1960s and 70s. He also worked on the Alaska Highway in 1960. He spent the last years working as a self-employed handyman.

Hilton was a member of the Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department, the Mills Volunteer Fire Department, the Wyoming State Volunteer Fireman's Association, the Casper Moose Lodge #1182, the Casper Eagles Lodge #306, the Evanston Elks Lodge #2588, a lifetime member of VFW Post #10969, the Ghost Town Chapter of the Good Sam Club and the Round-Up Club.

He was the curator of the Wyoming Fireman's Museum originating at the Mills Volunteer Fire Department and later being moved to the Wyoming Fire Academy in Riverton. He served as a timer for the annual Volunteer Fireman's Convention, a job he truly treasured and was committed as a state historian for the Wyoming State Fireman's Association.

He enjoyed traveling in Wyoming and was an all-around outdoorsman. Hilton continued to camp, hunt and fish with family and friends throughout his life. He had many eastern friends through guiding hunting trips in the fall. He enjoyed country music and the Old Time Fiddlers. He always attended the annual Fiddler's Contest in Shoshoni.

Hilton is survived by his wife of Casper; a son, John and his companion Bonnie Montague of Evanston; a daughter Bonnie and her husband, Steve Wilson of Casper; grandchildren Jason Crotteau, Craig and Katie; his brother Eldon Randall and wife, Grace of Wheatland; a sister Esther Coe of Bullhead City, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Bertha Hawkins, Ina Davis, Eva Curtz, Margy Goertz, Etta Carter and Hattie Randall.

Memorials may be made to the Wyoming Fire Academy, Riverton, Wyo. or the Casper Humane Society, 260 Crescent Drive, Casper, WY 82604.

Following the Casper service a graveside service was held at 2 p.m. in the Wheatland Cemetery.