

Lowell David Rankin

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Lowell David Rankin died Sunday, Jan. 11, 1981 at the age of 36.

He died as a result of injuries sustained in an auto accident north of Cheyenne.

He was born Oct. 7, 1944 in San Diego, Calif., the son of Lowell and Norma Rankin. He moved around the country considerably with his family. He joined the U.S. Navy and while stationed in Hawaii, he met and married the former Barbara Schweitzer.

After he and Barbara were married, he worked on various construction projects in Ohio, Montana, Washington, Idaho and Wyoming.

He was a member of U A Local No. 1000 Cheyenne.

He is survived by his mother, Norma Rankin, of Texas; his wife, Barbara, and two children, Tracy and Shannon, all of Wheatland.

Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wheatland on Thursday, Jan. 15, 1981 at 10:30 a.m. with Monsignor John J. O'Connell officiating. Burial will be in the Holy Cross Cemetery.

The Schrader-Prell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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A 36-year-old Wheatland man died in a one-vehicle crash early Sunday morning on an I-25 frontage road near Chugwater, according to the Wyoming Highway Patrol.

Lowell Rankin, a Wheatland construction worker, was identified as the victim. His recreational vehicle was going north on the east frontage road about 35 miles north of Cheyenne when he lost control, missed a curve and was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene. Rankin was a WHP spokesman. It was the first time reported in Wyoming history that a man died in a recreational vehicle accident on the same date a year ago.