

# Willard J. Shepard Sr.

March 2, 1925 - December 10, 2001

Funeral services for Willard J. Shepard Sr., 76, were held Friday, Dec. 14, at the Platte Funeral Chapel in Wheatland, with Pastor Paul Ward of Covenant Lutheran Church officiating. Inurnment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Shepard died Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Willard was born March 2, 1925, in Bushnell, Neb., the son of George and Alma (Walton) Shepard. He was reared in Kimball, Neb. and graduated from Bushnell High School in 1942. He farmed until he joined the United States Army serving during the Korean Conflict.

Willard married Louise M. Steinmark in Pinesbluff in 1954; they divorced in 1972. They moved from Pinesbluff to Cheyenne in 1963 where he worked as a carpenter for Reiman & Werth. In 1968 he moved his family to Wheatland while he continued working all over the state as foreman and superintendent for Reiman & Werth. For health reasons he retired in 1987.

Willard was a great dancer; enjoyed fishing, camping and visits from friends and family; and was an avid cribbage and pitch player. He was a member of the Wheatland Moose Lodge.

He is survived by two children, Tambra and husband, Barry Wilhelm of Wheatland and Will Shepard and wife Laura of Evanston; a sister, Doris Sumner of Cheyenne; two brothers, Ray of Powell and Dick of Norman, Okla.; three grandchildren; and former wife and close friend, Louise M. Shepard of Wheatland.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, George Perry Shepard on May 31, 1979; and three brothers, Ralph, Cecil, and Harry Shepard.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Nick Wilhelm, Aaron Wilhelm, Branden Maxwell, Chris Floy, Clint Floy and Jim Sumner.

Memorials to Moose Lodge #1636 Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 433, Wheatland, Wyo. 8221 would be appreciated by the family.

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