

Donald Nelson Sherard

March 25, 1923 – December 16, 2015

Funeral services for Donald Nelson "D.N." Sherard, 92, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wheatland with Pastor Lincoln Winter officiating. Interment will be held at the Wheatland Cemetery with military honors accorded by Laramie Peak VFW Post #3358, Ora Call American Legion Post #10 and Wyoming Army National Guard Honor Guard. A reception will follow the interment at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wheatland.

D.N. passed away Wednesday, Dec. 16 at the Life Care Center of Casper in Casper.

D.N. was born in Torrington on Mar. 25, 1923 to Nelson and Adella C. (Hubbs) Sherard.

D.N.'s father and mother were ranchers in the LaGrange area and Don spent his childhood on the family ranch along Horse Creek just northwest of LaGrange. He was educated in the LaGrange school system, graduating from high school in 1940.

Following graduation at LaGrange High School he attended the University of Wyoming and then entered the United States Army Air Corps in 1943 and was assigned to the 779th Squadron of the 464th Bomb group, 5th Wing, 15th Air Corps as a bombardier/navigator on a B-24. His military service ended in 1945.

He married Clara Jean Wendt in Cheyenne on Oct. 5, 1947. Don and Jean had three children, Brent, Steve and Sally.

After World War II he attended the University of Wyoming Law School and was admitted to the practice of law in Wyoming on Sept. 6, 1949. He and Jean moved to Wheatland where he set up his private law practice. While practicing law, D.N., also served the community. He spent eight years in the Wyoming Legislature, four years as the Platte County Attorney, and six years on the Wyoming Board of Pardon and Parole. He was the Town Attorney for Wheatland, LaGrange and Fort Laramie for 24 years and was attorney for Basin Electric for 30 years. He was the attorney for Wheatland Rural Electric for over 50 years.

In 1980, son Stephen N. Sherard and family



friend Rex E. Johnson joined D.N.'s practice creating the law firm of Sherard, Sherard & Johnson. In 2004 grandson Cole N. Sherard joined the firm.

In 2000, D.N. was the recipient of the UW Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2005 he received the Leadership Award from the Wyoming State Bar. In 2013 D.N. received the Craig Thomas Cooperative Service Award.

Alice Pontarolo, who predeceased D.N., was a special friend of D.N.'s in his later years, providing companionship that both treasured.

D.N. was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all who knew him. He always went out of his way to help others and greatly enjoyed any adventure that came along. He taught his children the importance of honesty and hard work and always gave them the encouragement they needed, telling them that they could accomplish anything they wanted, if they were willing to work for it.

D.N. was preceded in death by his loving wife, Jean on Mar. 16, 2004; grandson, Donny Sherard on Feb. 28, 2011; seven brothers; and one sister.

He is survived by sons, Dr. Brent Sherard (Pat) of Cheyenne, Stephen Sherard (Mona) of Wheatland, Sally Oates (Richard) of Casper; eight grandchildren, Cole Sherard, Emilie Ring, Lindsay Myers, Brice Oates, Kylie Caraway, Alex Oates, Ainsley Oates and Effie Oates; and seven great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Cole Sherard, Joshua Ring, James Meyers, Alex Oates, Rex E. Johnson, and Brice Oates.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Stanley Sherard, Jeffrey Caraway, Hub Lenz, Jim Dunham, and Lee Dunham.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a memorial to the Wheatland High School Athletics Department to help needy high school athletes. The memorials can be sent in care of Steve Sherard, at P.O. Box 69, Wheatland, WY 82201.

The Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland are in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.gormanfh.com