

Frank Edward 'Ed' Siel

July 9, 1929 – January 26, 2006

Funeral services for Frank Edward "Ed" Siel, 76, of Wheatland, will be conducted at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 1 at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland with Pastor Skip Perry officiating. Interment with graveside rites by the Wheatland Masonic Lodge No. 16 A.F. & A.M. will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006, at United Medical Center West in Cheyenne.

Ed was born July 9, 1929, in Yuma, Colo., where he attended public schools and graduated from high school in 1947. He later attended college at Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Mo., where he played on the college's football team. He and his devoted wife, Margaret, were married in 1950.

A longtime automobile dealer, Siel worked for an auto dealership in Denver, Colo., in the 1950s, and moved his family to Wyoming in 1967 when he purchased a Ford dealership in Newcastle. In 1975, he purchased a Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Cadillac dealership in Wheatland. He served as president of the Wyoming Automobile Dealers Association and was on its board of directors for many years. Expanding his entrepreneurialism beyond the automobile business, Siel built the Torchlight



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Best Western Motel in Wheatland in 1976. He served as a Best Western governor until the time of his death. He enjoyed hunting and was an avid fisherman who made numerous fishing trips to Canada and Alaska. For more than 30 years, Siel made annual trips to the same fishing camp on Lake La Ronge in Saskatchewan, Canada. He was a member of the Shriners of North America.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret of Wheatland; four daughters: Margaret Suzanne Cozad of Wheatland, Jill Lynn Moody of San Antonio,

Texas, Sandra Gail Kitchen of Powell, and Cynthia Jo Hill of Cheyenne; and five grandchildren: Amy Gillespie of San Antonio, Texas, Mitchell Cozad of Wheatland, Drew Hill of Cheyenne, and Katie and Scott Kitchen of Powell; a sister, Jewel Ford of Denver, Colo.; and two nephews: Edward Ford of Golden, Colo. and Kent Ford of Washington, D.C.

Siel was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Edward Siel Sr. and Nellie Lee (Adair) Siel.

Memorials to the Shriners Hospital-Intermountain, Fairfax Road at Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103 would be appreciated by the family.

Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.