

under the direction
ome Inc., in Parker,

Don Edward Smith

9-9-1998

Services and interment for Don Edward Smith, 80, were held Monday, September 14, at 11 a.m. at the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland, Wyo., with Pastor Gordon Swedberg officiating.

Mr. Smith died Wednesday, September 9, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Don was born June 4, 1918, in Laramie, Wyo., the fourth of seven children, to James and Lillian (Taylor) Smith. His mother died in 1931 and he more or less fended for himself, working on ranches or whatever he could find. He entered the Armed Forces on April 1, 1942, and served there until he was discharged to manage the Carroll Ranch in Laramie. He quit ranching in 1945, moving to Fort Collins, Colo. where he met his future wife. He married Verla Johnson in Greeley, Colo. on July 7, 1946. He was an over-the-road truck driver from 1945 to 1960. He quit driving truck and went to work for the City of Fort Collins water department as a utility worker; working until his retirement as a well respected supervisor in 1983. He and his wife, Verla moved to Wheatland after his retirement. He enjoyed fishing and the outdoors.

Don is survived by two children, Ralph West of Fort Collins and Beverly Boyles of Wheatland; a sister, Alice Uphoff of Laramie; two brothers, Jack Smith and Bill Smith both of Grand Junction, Colo.; three grandchildren, Robert D. Smith of Fort Collins, Robin L. Aalbers of Windsor, Colo., and Marc E. West of Denver, Colo.; two great grandsons; and one great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Verla on July 26, 1985; three sisters; and a great grandson, Christopher D. Smith on January 7, 1988.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society, 1108-10th Street, Wheatland, WY 82201 or to the Platte County Memorial Hospital, Family Comfort Room, 201-14th Street, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

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