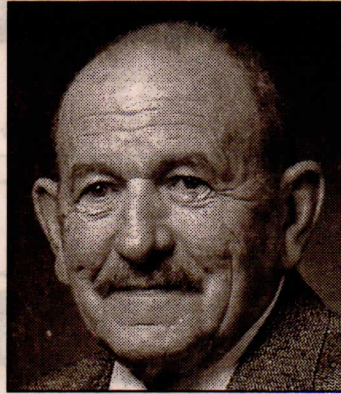


Frank Smith

March 12, 1927 – March 12, 2014

A funeral service for Gaston Franklin "Frank" Smith Jr., 84, was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 18 at the Memorial Baptist Church in Wheatland with Pastor Craig Cagle officiating. Interment will be held in 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.



Frank Smith entered eternal life Wednesday, March 12 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland of natural causes.

Frank was born March 12, 1930 in Asheville, N.C. the son of Gaston Franklin and Thelma Louise (Williams) Smith Sr.

Frank joined the United States Air Force after graduating high school. Frank was stationed in Cheyenne, where he met the love of his life Joan Morrison on a blind date at The Owl Inn the summer of 1951. He was sent to Germany for eighteen months and then married Joan on July 5, 1954 in Cheyenne after he was discharged. Frank and Joan moved back to Raleigh, N.C. where he earned his degree in Civil Engineering and a minor in electrical engineering. Frank worked for the Wyoming Highway Department in Cheyenne, worked on the "Big Ben" dam project in Chamberlain, S.D., and two general contracting firms in Greeley, Colo., before starting his own Engineering Construction Company. Frank also worked as County Engineer for Weld County, Colo., and

Carbon County, Wyo. Frank worked with the Wyoming Public Service Commission in Cheyenne before retiring and moving to Wheatland to enjoy retirement.

He loved camping with his family, hunting, and fishing. Frank also enjoyed reading and doing home projects. He was very active throughout his life in various churches.

He is survived by his children, Rick (Laura) Smith of Wash.,

Kim (Kevin) Hill of Wyo., Scott (Donita) Smith of Colo.; older sister, Kathryn Hargett; younger brother, Larry Smith; nine grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Joan of 59 years, on July 13, 2013; parents, Gaston Franklin and Thelma Smith; sisters, Louise and Gloria; brother, Darrell; and a brother and sister in infancy.

Serving as pallbearers will be Rick Smith, Scott Smith, A.J. Jefferson, Adam Benson, Nathan Lichtenberg, A.J. Lauer, Daniel Smith, and Keith Anderson.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Kevin Hill, Larry Smith, and Ralph Smith.

A memorial to the Memorial Baptist Church, 202 Nineteenth Street, Wheatland, WY., 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.gormanfh.com