

STOCKETT, DONALD LLOYD
1941-July 13, 1953

Donald Lloyd Stockett, 11-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stockett of Chugwater, was killed instantly on Monday evening, July 13, when he was struck by a bullet accidentally discharged from a .22 rifle. The accident occurred at the Eddie Miller ranch one mile south of Chugwater.

With young Stockett at the time of the tragedy were Gary Miller, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Miller and Tommy Hedges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hedges, all of Chugwater. The youths were preparing to camp out all night. According to Ted Schrader, county coroner, investigation indicated that the loaded, cocked rifle had been placed in a standing position against a bedroll. One of the youths apparently brushed against the rifle and it fired when it hit the ground. The bullet struck the Stockett boy in the forehead.

Young Stockett was a member of Boy Scout Troop 45 of Chugwater and was in the sixth grade at school. He was born in Monto Bello, Calif., but had lived in Chugwater since 1943.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 3:30 in the Methodist church in Wheatland with the Rev. Coolidge of Chugwater officiating. Members of Boy Scout Troop 45 of Chugwater were honorary pallbearers. Active bearers were Tommy Hedges, Larry Jessen, Charles Dockter, Donald Hodgson, Darrell Mecklenberg and Joe Byers, all members of the scout group.

Burial was in the Wheatland cemetery.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stockett, the deceased is survived by his sister, Donna.