

# John Clifton Swift

September 30, 1932 – February 7, 2011

A graveside service for John Clifton Swift, 78, was held on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland, Wyoming with Pastor Craig Cagle of Memorial Baptist Church officiating. Military honors were accorded by the Ora Call American Legion Post #10, Laramie Peak VFW Post #3558, and Wyoming Army National Guard Honor Guard.

John Swift a resident of Wheatland died Monday, February 7, 2011 at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, Wyoming.

He was born September 30, 1932 in Clarinda, Iowa the son of John and Susie (Erickson) Swift.

He was raised and educated in Shenandoah, Iowa and graduated from the Shenandoah High School in 1950. He attended and graduated from Northwest Missouri State College in Maryville, Missouri with a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his Masters degree in geology from the University of Oklahoma in Norman. He served in the United States Army from January 20, 1955 to January 18, 1957, during the Korean Conflict.

He was married to Gloria A. Jackson on July 25, 1959 in Pekin, Illinois and started his teaching career in De Soto, Missouri. They moved to Morton, Illinois, where he taught science and after

36 years of teaching he retired. They moved to Wheatland in 1995, where he enjoyed his retirement years. He was a member of the Ora Call American Legion Post #10.

He enjoyed military history, gun and car magazines, collecting rocks, and antique toy tractors.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria, of Wheatland; children, Dwight (Cindy) Swift of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Paula Ann (Brain) Green of Farmington, Utah, and Lt. Colonel Darwin Swift of Bristol, Virginia; sister, Etta (Merrill) Swanson of Shenandoah; niece, Nancy Wilson of Quincy, Illinois; and grandchildren, Olivia Green of Farmington, Becca Swift of Colorado Springs, and Celia and Max Swift both of Bristol.

He was preceded in death by his parents and nephew, Kevin Swanson.

A memorial to the Ora Call American Legion Post #10 in care of Hugo Lenz, 707 Circle Drive, Wheatland, Wyoming 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](http://www.gormanfh.com).