

Frank E. Tucker, Jr.

March 23, 1921 – May 14, 2010

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Frank E. Tucker, Jr., 88, passed away Friday evening, May 14th, at the Sunset Manor Nursing Home in Brush, Colorado, following a long fight with Alzheimer's.

Frank was born on May 23, 1921 in Sunrise, Wyoming to Frank and Rue Tucker. He attended school in Sunrise until high school, when the family relocated to Cheyenne. Frank joined the Navy in 1939 and was stationed on the USS Duncan, escorting convoys to England. After Pearl Harbor he was assigned to the battleship U.S.S. New Mexico and saw a great deal of action in the South Pacific.

He married Ruth Sherman after the war and the couple moved to Wheatland where Frank worked at the local newspaper for Clarence Stumpf. Frank purchased The Torrington News in 1961 and ran the paper until selling it to the Torrington Telegram in 1966 and returning to Wheatland, where he purchased The Town Crier.

In 1967, he went into partnership with Gordon Davis and returned to the Platte County Record-Times where he continued working until 1973. In 1973, he became general agent in Wheatland for Pioneer Mutual Life Insurance. He retired in 1990. Frank also ran The Town Crier, a Wheatland newspaper from 1984-93.

He believed in public service and loved the Town of Wheatland and its citizens. He served for many years

on the Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department; coached Little League and Babe Ruth baseball and served as the Youth Baseball Commissioner. He served on the Wheatland Town Council from 1973-1982 and as Mayor of Wheatland from 1982-1986. He was a member and held several offices over the years in the Moose Lodge, American Legion, Lion's Club and Masonic Lodge. He was a charter member of the Wyoming Municipal Power Agency and a member of the Wyoming Association of Municipalities.



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He loved to spend time with his friends, playing cards or cribbage, going to the cabin to fish, or to the lake for evening outings on the pontoon boat. In his later years he could be seen taking long walks around Wheatland. He especially enjoyed walking in the park with his dog, Digger.

Frank is survived by one son, Tim of Denver; two sisters, Dona Simpson of Cheyenne and Evelyn Alexander of Jackson, WY; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth; a son, Thomas; his second wife, Marcia; brothers, Thomas and Ralph; sister, Alice, and his parents, Frank, Sr. and Rue.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 21, 2010 at the Wheatland Cemetery.

Memorial s may be made to the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home. The family may be reached at 7865 Cyd Drive, Denver, CO 80221.

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