

Fred J. Wickam

Funeral services for Fred J. Wickam, 76, were held Saturday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Wheatland Bible Church, Highway 312 and Palmer Canyon Road in Wheatland, with Chet Shaw, Minister of the First Christian Church in Wheatland officiating. Interment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery with the Wheatland Masonic Lodge #16 A.F.&A.M. conducting the graveside Masonic rites.

Mr. Wickam died Tuesday, Nov. 20 at the emergency room at the Platte County Memorial Hospital of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Wickam was born Oct. 8, 1914 at the Rock Ranch near Torrington, the son of Joe M. and Flora M. (Smith) Wickam. As a young boy he moved with his parents to Wheatland where he attended school. The family later moved to a ranch near Glendo, and he graduated from Glendo High School in 1932.

He then worked at various jobs in the Wheatland area, prior to moving to Cheyenne in 1940. He operated a filling station there, and in 1943, he joined the Wyoming Highway Patrol.

He served with the United States Army Engineers from 1943 to 1946 during World War II, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He returned to the Wyoming Highway Patrol following his discharge in 1946, and remained with the WHP until his retirement on Dec. 31, 1975, after serving as the director for the last 10 years.

He was married to Dorothy M. Drucker on June 24, 1940 in Scottsbluff, Neb.

He was a member of the Rocky Mountain Masonic Lodge #40 and Wyoming Consistory #1 in Cheyenne, the Korien Shrine in Rawlins, was a past president of the Wyoming Peace Officers Association, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cheyenne. He loved to travel and he enjoyed all of the activities associated with the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Wheatland, two sons and their wives, Gary and Deb Wickam of Garden Grove, Calif., and one brother, W.W. (Sam) Wickam of Wheatland and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Leo Wickam, and two sisters, Josephine Shephard and Rheda Short.

Serving as pallbearers were Ray Schwating, Brent Taylor, Brenton Wickam, Bryce Wickam, Larry Johnston and Vernon Short.

A memorial to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Salt Lake City, Utah, in care of the Platte Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 816, Wheatland, WY 82201, would be equally appreciated by the family.

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

Correction

In last week's issue of the Record-Times, the survivors for Fred J. Wickam were listed incorrectly. His survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of Wheatland, two sons and their wives, Gary and Deb Wickam of Casper, and Alan and Judy Wickam of Wheatland, a sister, Esther Wick of Garden Grove, Calif., one brother, W.W. (Sam) Wickam of Wheatland, and seven grandchildren.

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