

**Edward John Wilhelm Obituary**  
**9/26/1931 – 7/10/1997**

**Edward John "Ed" Wilhelm**  
**1931 – 1997**

Funeral services for Edward John (Ed) Wilhelm, 65, were held Saturday, July 12, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. at Covenant Lutheran Church in Wheatland, Wyo., with Pastor Mark Patzke and Rev. Delbert Dick of the American Missionary Fellowship officiating. Eulogist was Larry Wilhelm. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Wilhelm died Thursday morning, July 10, 1997 of a heart attack while irrigating at his farm near Wheatland.

Ed was born Sept. 26, 1931, in Wheatland, Wyo., the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Ott) Wilhelm. He was reared and educated in Wheatland, graduating from Wheatland High School in 1949. He entered the United States Air Force, serving four years. When he returned home, he worked for the dairy and the Wyoming Highway Department in engineering. He started farming in the spring of 1958 South of Wheatland; moving to the family farm in April 1959; where he resided all of his life except six years. He married Mary Ann Steeley on May 29, 1955, in Wheatland, Wyoming.

He was a member of the Beet Growers Association and enjoyed working the ground of his farm, his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed woodworking, farming, watching boxing, basketball, especially Wyoming basketball games.

Ed is survived by his wife Mary Ann; five children, Barry D. Wilhelm, Julie Ann Hornecker, William R. Wilhelm, Teresa L. Jenkins, and Daniel L. Wilhelm all of Wheatland; two sisters, Irene Spangler of Wheatland and Emma Wetzell of Ukiah, Calif.; step-sister, Irene Short of Wheatland; two step-brothers, Harold Weimeister of Windsor, Colo., and Paul Brunner; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother, Mary Wilhelm; four brothers; four sisters and several step-brothers and sisters.

Serving as pallbearers were George Bauer, Rich Bauer, Jake Wilhelm, Jerry Wilhelm, Alan Wilhelm and Andrew Anderson. Honorary pallbearers were Jack Margheim, Ken Bauer, Dale Wilhelm, Mick Hornecker, Wade Jenkins and all of his many friends.

An Ed Wilhelm Memorial Fund has been established in care of Platte Funeral chapel, P.O. Box 816, Wheatland, WY 82201.

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