

### **Jack Norman Wilson**

*August 6, 1931-January 12, 2000*

Funeral services for Jack Norman Wilson, 68, were held Friday, January, 14, 2000, at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, Wyo., with Andy Gudahl, Minister officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Jack died January 12, 2000 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Jack was born August 6, 1931, in Fort Collins, Colo., the son of Don E. and Mary (Simons) Wilson. He was a veteran, serving in the United States Marine Corps.

He resided in Wheatland for 41 years. During that time, he owned and operated Wilson Repair for 15 years and worked for the Town of Wheatland from 1983 until his retirement in 1993. Jack served as town council member from 1996 until the time of his death.

He married Betty Jester on September 16, 1957 in Wheatland and, after her death he married Stephanie Johnson on November 25, 1992 in Wheatland.

Jack enjoyed building remote control airplanes, working on Volkswagens, car racing and having coffee with his friends. He was a person that knew no strangers. Jack was hardworking and a loving father and husband.

Jack is survived by his wife, Stephanie of Wheatland; five children, Michael Wilson of Nashville, Tenn., Patricia Southard of Benton, Ark., Kelly Wilson of Cheyenne, Joni Wilson Parsons of Eagle Point, Ore. and Kirby Wilson of Wheatland; three sisters, Donita Renick of Casper, Darlene Rexius of Torrington and Rosemary Woolsey of Wheatland; a brother, Eldon Wilson of Sidney, Neb.; fifteen grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and first wife, Betty.

Serving as pallbearers were Harry Stevens, Dave Evans, Kenny Hanks, Don Richman, Jeff Wilhelm and Dennis Keck.

Honorary pallbearers were Einer Mickelsen, Mark Virant, Joel Dingman and all of his many other friends.

Memorials to Platte County Hospice, in care of Platte Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 816, Wheatland, Wyo. 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

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

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Jack Wilson will be remembered for a long time as the man who waved to everyone.

His tenure on the Wheatland Town Council will long be remembered by Wheatland Mayor Joel Dingman.

Dingman said Wilson had the wisdom of age and the vision of youth.

"It's hard to get those two things together in one person," Dingman said. "He knew what needed to be done for Wheatland."

Dingman said he will remember Wilson as a thinking type of person who put a lot of thought into his role as a councilman.

"There were so many times he would just sit there and listen," Dingman said. "Then he could wrap things up with just one sentence. He made sense when he said it too."

Dingman said Wilson had a special vision for Wheatland and he was always thinking what would be right for future generations.

Wilson was seated to Dingman's left at the council table and Dingman could always tell when Wilson had something to say or needed a question answered.

"He would click his pen," Dingman said. "That's how I knew he wanted to say something or had a question to ask."

Dingman added he will miss seeing Wilson on the council and around town as well.

"I'm going to miss him," Dingman said. "I truly valued his opinion."

The Wheatland Town Council will have to find a replacement for Wilson in the near future, Dingman said.

There is no time limit so the council will carefully assess the situation before naming a replacement according to Dingman.

"The sitting council will have to appoint someone," Dingman said. "There really isn't a law on time frame, but we will need to get someone in there."

Dingman said the replacement will be on the council until the next general election in November and that term will run for two years.

"Two councilmen get elected at each big election," Dingman said. "Jack was only in the second year of his term and his seat would come up for election in 2002."