

Norman J. Wilson

July 21, 1924 – November 30, 2007

Funeral services for Norman J. Wilson, 83, were held on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, Wyo. with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery with military honors accorded by Laramie Peak Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3558.

Norman Wilson, a resident of Wheatland, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland following a brief courageous battle with cancer.

He was born July 21, 1924, in Claypool, Ariz., the son of Glen and Zelda (Anderson) Wilson. He was raised and attended school in Duncan, Ariz. He joined the United States Navy in 1943, stationed in Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif. His first of many trips across the Pacific was from Portland, Ore., to Pearl Harbor. He served on the SS Sydney Edgerton, and on the Escanamba Victory among other ships.

After his tour of duty, he worked as an equipment operating engineer, traveling and living in Cuba, Peru, Algeria, Canada, and Chile.

He married Alice M. Poggie on June 20, 1964, in Lordsburg, N.M. He continued working in mines and construction throughout the western United States, and lived for a time in Alaska. They moved to Wheatland in 1978, settling on Bluffview Road, before moving into town in 1998.

He enjoyed spending time with family, with his

children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He loved fishing, boating, watching his children and grandchildren compete in high school rodeos and team roping events. He loved all animals, sheep, horses, and many beloved dogs. He enjoyed his daily cup of cappuccino at the Shell station.

He belonged to the Operating Engineers Local 400 and the American Legion. He attended First Christian Church, where he enjoyed fellowship with his church family.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Alice; children, Linda Willis and Dick and wife, Tina Willis all of Wheatland; brother, Ronnie Wilson of Salem, Mo.; aunt, Laura Christian-son of Manassa, Colo.; grandchildren, Shaw;n and wife, Kelsi Willis of Thoreau, N.M., Denise and husband, Joey McDaniel and their children, Jhett and Jacey of Wheatland.

Sean Burke of Wheatland, Frank Willis of Cedar Crest, N.M., and Dennis Willis of Rocky Point Mexico; and his dog, Blondie.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter; two brothers, and a sister.

A memorial to the Platte County Memorial Hospital Foundation, 201 Fourteenth Street, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

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



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