

Joseph Edward Cantwell

December 14, 1928-July 1, 1999

Funeral Liturgy for Joseph Edward Cantwell, 70, were held Tuesday, July 6 at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Wheatland with Father Michael Ehiemere as Celebrant. The Vigil for the Deceased was also held Tuesday at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Wyoming Air National Guard Flag Heritage Team of Cheyenne.

Mr. Cantwell died Thursday, July 1, at United Medical Center West in Cheyenne. Joe was born December 14, 1928, in Beloit, Wisc., the son of John and Vera (Brant) Cantwell. He was reared and educated in Beloit. Joe served an apprenticeship to be a mason and worked as a general contractor in the Beloit area. On April 12, 1954, he married Mary Elizabeth McQuay in Beloit where they made their home until 1972 when they moved to Wheatland to semi-retire. Joe had a small ranch and worked as a boilermaker while the power plant was being built as well as continuing to be a general contractor doing plumbing, masonry, etc. until the time of his death. He served in the United States Navy in the Pacific during World War II. Joe enjoyed collecting coins, reading and problem solving.

Joe is survived by his wife, Mary of Wheatland; three daughters, Donna Gilmour of Wheatland, Darlene VanMeter of Delfield, Wisc. and Mary Jo Derra of Wheatland. a sister, Darlene Brockman of Victorville, Calif.; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

Serving as pallbearers were Carl Jensen, Dave Burke, Larry Wright, Charles Wood, Dale Carr and Bob Conner.

Memorials to the choice of the donor would be appreciated by the family.

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