

Russell Melvin Chasteen

September 14, 1922 – February 22, 2006

Funeral services for Russell Melvin Chasteen, 83, were conducted at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25 at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Skip Perry and Pastor Les Ludlam officiating, and Joe Chasteen as eulogist. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Russell died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at United Medical Center- West in Cheyenne.

Russell was born Sept. 14, 1922, near Wheatland, the son of Edna L. (Pence) and Melvin W. Chasteen. When he was a freshman in high school, the family moved to Chugwater, where he graduated from high school. Russell served in the United States Army during World War II in Europe with the 951st Field Artillery Battalion. On June 1, 1948, he married Wyona Marie Gustafson in Chugwater. For a time he worked for Jack White in the gas and appliance business in Wheatland and then the United States Postal Service from which he retired. As part-time businesses, he laid carpet and framed pictures. After the death of his wife, Wyona, Russell married Marjorie Ellen (Wickham) Riter on Feb. 14, 1998, in Wheatland. He was an active member of the United Methodist Church, the Wheatland Golf Club, a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and several card clubs including the Moody, Quarter, and Golden Age Clubs. Russell was an avid outdoorsman enjoying hunting and fishing and

playing golf.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie of Wheatland; a daughter, Karen Deike and husband, Doug of Heidelberg, Germany; two step-daughters, Sandy Tinsley and husband, Del of Casper, and Debbie Miller and husband, Ron of Wichita, Kan.; a brother, Joe Chasteen and fiancé, Virginia Phillippe of Cheyenne; two grandsons, Trenton Deike and Derek Deike both of San Francisco, Calif.; five step-grandchildren, B.J. Axford of Wheatland, Kevin, Tiffany, Geoffrey, and Jenna Miller all of Wichita; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Wyona on March 3, 1997; two sisters, Helyn Willcuts and Lois Thompson; a brother, Johnny Chasteen; and three nieces.

Serving as pallbearers will be Zack Ash, Sam Whitney, Harry Love, Oscar Erickson, Bob Buecker, and F. John Arter. Honorary pallbearers will be all of his many friends.

Memorials to the United Methodist Church, 907 - 9th Street, Wheatland, WY 82201, Platte County Relay for Life (American Cancer Society), 1054 Pine Street, Wheatland, WY 82201, or a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family.

Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.