

Charles "Chuck" R. Cornwall

July 16, 1935 - March 13, 2002

Funeral Services will be held 11:00 Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wheatland, Wyoming with Pastor Marvin Temme officiating. Burial with Military Rites will follow in the Wheatland Cemetery. Chuck, 66, died on March 13, 2002 at the Torrington Goshen Care Center. Visitation will be held at the Colyer Funeral Home in Torrington on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The casket will be open at the church service. In lieu of flowers, the family would request that memorial contributions be directed to either the Diabetes Association of Wyoming or to the American Boy Scouts Program. The Colyer Funeral Home of Torrington in charge of the arrangements.

He was born on July 16, 1935 in Wheatland, Wyoming the son of Mary Cornwall-Nicola. He grew up in Wheatland and received his early education; later graduating from Guernsey High School in 1953. He went on to attend college where he obtained his bachelors degree from the University of Wyoming at Laramie with a major in Math and Music. He then joined the Wyoming National Guard and completed his basic and advanced training in August of 1959. He married Thelma Rae Jessen on August 16, 1959 in Wheatland, Wyoming. Chuck then taught music and math at Glendo, Wyoming schools and later he taught school at Jeffrey City, Lingle, Burns and Guernsey, Wyoming as well as in Alliance, Nebraska.

He retired from teaching in 1984. He then went to work for the Platte County Sheriff's office and the Guernsey Police Department; retiring from there due to ill health.

He served 20 years in the National Guard as part of the 67th Army Band. He spent many years as an EMT with the Guernsey Ambulance Service. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, photography, and competition in shooting events. He also enjoyed playing "gigs" with Johnney Grant's Big Band Sounds. He was a member of the Torrington, Wyoming Our Savior Lutheran Church. He was a Boy Scout Leader and Scout Master, a Hunter Safety Course instructor and he received the Silver Beaver award for his dedication to Boy Scouts.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma of Guernsey; daughter Diana McCarty and her fiance' Joe Sestak of Laramie, Wyoming; son Dan Cornwall of Guernsey, Wyoming; daughter Cynthia Westerman and Jim of Wheatland, Wyoming; and daughter Teresa Cornwall of Denver, Colorado; four grandchildren, Scott McCarty, Nat McCarty, Mariah Westerman, and Aaron Westerman; and an aunt and uncle Helen and Herb Merbach of Wheatland; and many other loving family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, a daughter Charlene, grandparents Mr & Mrs. Dan Cornwall, an aunt Mickey Bullard and an uncle Dan Cornwall.