

Lealand Dale "Lea" Goolsby

November 4, 1931 - September 12, 2001

Graveside services and inurnment for Lealand Dale "Lea" Goolsby, 69, will be held Wednesday, September 12 at 2 p.m. in the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland with Reverend Les Ludlam of the United Methodist Church officiating, and Cindy Goolsby as the Eulogist. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Wyoming Air National Guard Flag Heritage Team of Cheyenne.

Mr. Goolsby died Friday, Sept. 7 in the emergency room of the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Lea and his twin, Leonard, were born on November 4, 1931 in Fort Laramie to Jesse Howard and Jennie Lorraine (Britton) Goolsby. He was raised in Guernsey.

Leo served in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1953 and was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. In 1952, he married Delores "Dee" Scott of Wheatland and they eventually settled in Seattle, Wash. He received his diploma from Barber College in 1956 and continued cutting hair until the day of his death.

In 1970, Lea and Dee moved to eastern Washington, where in 1973, they adopted their only child, Cindy Rea. In 1977, Lea brought his family back home to Guernsey, where he continued to live until the time of his death.

He was the mayor of Guernsey from 1978 until 1982. He was also a past commander of the Lake Guernsey Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4471, a past master in the Guernsey Masonic Lodge No. 49, A.F.,

& A.M., and a Shriner. He spent many years cutting hair at Lea's Barber Shop in Guernsey as well as at Special Cuts Barber Shop in Wheatland.

He had a fondness for gardening, working crossword puzzles, hunting antiques, playing gin, storytelling, listening to old cowboy songs, and being the best husband, father and grandfather any family could ever ask for. He was loved by many and will be missed by all.

He is survived by Dee, his wife of 49 years; daughter, Cindy; granddaughter, Dailin Rose, all of Guernsey; five sisters, Yvonne Zipperlen of Casper, Alice Overgaard of Seattle, Wash., Dori Martin of Guernsey, Bert Busking of Denver, Colo., and Ina Schmidt of Olympia, Wash.; four brothers, Vic Goolsby of Evans, Wash., Sam Goolsby of Seattle, Wash., Elvin Goolsby of Sprague, Wash. and Dwight Goolsby of Fort Laramie, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his twin brother, Leonard.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Jim Graves, Franklin Moore, Vern Coy, Bill Walker, Joe Norfolk and Bill Britton.

Memorials to the Lea Goolsby Memorial Fund, in care of Community First National Bank, P.O. Box 908, Wheatland, WY 82201, would be appreciated by the family.

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