

Theodore Frederick "Ted" Johnke

Dec. 7, 1930 - March 6, 2002

Graveside services and inurnment for Theodore Frederick "Ted" Johnke, 71, was held March 11, 2 p.m. in the Wheatland Cemetery with Pastor Craig Cagle of Memorial Baptist Church officiating and military graveside rites conducted.

Mr. Johnke died March 6 at his home near Hartville. He was born Dec. 7, 1930, in Sioux City, Iowa, the son of Elmer Carl and Myrtle Mae (Olmstead) Johnke. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a 4-H leader for 10 years in the Pony Express 4-H Club in Platte County. Ted was the drummer for the "Country Ramblers", a group who donated their musical talents at nursing homes and benefits.

He enjoyed writing poems and songs for people, working on carburetors of older vehicles, living in the country, spoiling the dogs, mini-donkey and mini-mule.

Ted is survived by his special friend of 25 years, Regina E. Bradford of Hartville; a step-daughter, Roydene Bouck; step-son, Rusty Reynolds; seven step-grandchildren; three nephews, Gene Johnke, Clayton Johnke and Bill Johnke; and two nieces, Becky Pierce and Linda Hall.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Elmer and Clifford Johnke, and a sister-in-law, Donna Johnke.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be all of his friends.

Memorials to help defray funeral expenses may be sent to the Theodore F. "Ted" Johnke Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 69, Hartville, Wyo. 82215.

Platte Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.