

## ***Chester "Chet" Nickel***

*February 15, 1922-April 8, 1999*

Services for Chester J. "Chet" Nickel, 77, were held on Thursday, April 8 at the Wheatland Bible Church in Wheatland with Pastor Denzil G. Mauk officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Wyoming National Guard Honor Guard of Cheyenne.

Mr. Nickel died Saturday, April 8, at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Cheyenne.

Chet was born February 15, 1922, in Fresno, Calif., the son of Jake and Margaret (Georing) Nickel. His family moved to Wheatland in 1933 and worked for various farmers in the area, farming for the Wyoming Development Company for 11 years where he was raised. He married Irene Steeley on August 26, 1941 in Scottsbluff. They farmed in Wheatland on various farms; buying their own farm in 1962, the Henry Steeley Farm. They retired and moved into Wheatland in 1992. Chester was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, director for the Wheatland Co-op Association for a number of years, and a member of the Wheatland Rural Electric Association. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Chet is survived by his wife, Irene of Wheatland; a son, Ronald Nickel of Cheyenne; two sisters and two brothers, Norman Nickel, Leroy Nickel, and Dorothy Lattermar all of Caldwell, Idaho, and Irene Hertig of Parma, Idaho; one grandson, Matthew A. Nickel of Ft. Lupton, Colo.; and two great-grandchildren, Bailey Austin Nickel and Ashley Kate Nickel both of Ft. Lupton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Dwight Eugene Nickel four brothers, Robert Nickel, Richard Nickel, John Nickel and Charles Nickel; a half brother, Albert Diel; and two half sisters, Florence Schroeder and Deborah Kisling.

Serving as pallbearers were Jake Wilhelm, Wayde Lauck, Freddie Goetz, Terry Bach, Rod Birkle and Alan Bennett. Honorary pallbearers were all of his many friends.

Memorials to the Wheatland Bible Church, Hwy 312 and Palmer Canyon Road, Wheatland, Wyo. 82201 or the choice of the donor would be appreciated by the family.

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