

A graveside service for Lee William Preuit, 67, was conducted at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 26, 2010, in the Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland, Wyoming, with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating and military honors were accorded by the F.E. Warren Air Force Honor Guard. A fellowship gathering to celebrate Lee's life was held at Moose Lodge 1636 immediately following the services.

Mr. Preuit, of Anchorage, Alaska, and formerly of Wheatland, died Saturday, October 16, 2010, in Anchorage.

Lee was born May 3, 1943, in Laramie, Wyoming to Carl William "Bud" and Ruby Elizabeth (Hoth) Preuit. He was reared and educated in Wheatland, graduating from Wheatland High School with the class of 1961. He joined the United States Air Force in September 1961 and completed Command NCO Academy in January of 1969. His specialties were turboprop propulsion and jet engine technician. He was stationed in the Philippines and Vietnam over 10 years and many places throughout the United States with frequent special assignments. Lee was very proud that he had held one of the highest military security clearances available at that time. He received numerous meritorious service medals and citations during his 25-plus years of service to his country.

Lee was reassigned to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, in February 1983. He retired from

the Air Force in October 1986 as a Master Sergeant and began a new career with United Utilities in Anchorage. In 1994, Lee joined "forces" with his companion, Deanne Terrell, and in recent years acted as the office manager for her accounting business.

Lee was a member of American Legion Post 1, Loyal Order of Moose, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10252 and Am Vets Post 49 all in Anchorage.

Survivors include his brothers, Lynn (Wendy) Preuit of Redwood City, California and Leo (Patricia) Preuit of Wheatland, moose, Shelly Manning of Wheatland and Shannon Hutchins of Clatsop, Oregon; his companion, Deanne and their children, Reecene Bernhardt of Nathrop, Colorado and Donald Scott of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials in Lee's memory to Armed Forces YMCA, P.O. Box 6272, JBER, AK 99506 or The Soldier and Family Assistance Center for the Wounded Warriors Program at their website: <http://gifts.cfm/and/SoldiersFamilies.aspx> would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements were under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes - Home Chapel of Wheatland.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.gormanfh.com.