

RICE, PATRICK ACIER
February 20, 1955-February 2, 1985

Services for Patrick Acier Rice, 29, who died near Gillette were held this morning in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Wheatland at 10:30 a.m. with Father Malcolm Reid officiating. Rosary services were Monday evening at 7:30, in the Church.

Rice was born in Kansas City, MO., Feb 20, 1955, the son of Robert and Ruth Rice. As a young man moved with his family to Albuquerque, N.M. and then to Petaluma, Calif. for two years before moving to Wheatland in August of 1969. He graduated from Wheatland High School in 1973.

After graduation he went to work at Salisbury Saddle School in Longmont, Colo. making saddles.

He returned to Wheatland to work construction on the Basin Electric Power Plant and after the construction phase was completed he worked as a free lance welder in this area.

Three weeks ago he accepted a position with an oil company near Gillette. He died of injuries sustained in an oil rig accident on Saturday.

Besides his parents of Wheatland he is survived by his two sons, Jason and Brandon Rice of Western Springs, Ill.; four brothers: Mike, Tim, Sean, and Kevin Rice all of Wheatland; six sisters: Virginia Anson of Rochester, Minn.; Charlene Rice of Canyon Lake, Calif.; Vivian Rice of Orem, Utah; and Robyne Davis, Celeste Rice and Angela Rice all of Wheatland; paternal grandmother, Alice V. Rice of Seneca, MO.; maternal grandmother, Dorothy Tousignant of Jefferson, Wisc.; 4 nieces and 3 nephews.

A memorial in his name has been established to St. Patrick Catholic Church Building Fund.

Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.