

ROFF, RAY JR.  
October 6, 1931-April 6, 1981

Ray Roff, Jr., 49, died Monday, April 6, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Cheyenne after an extended illness.

Ray, the son of Ray and Hildegard Miritz Roff, was born Oct. 6, 1931, in Wheatland. He served as an officer and helicopter pilot in the U.S. Navy for 21 years until his retirement in August 1972. During that time he served three tours of duty aboard the USS Kearsarge and the USS Iwo Jima in Vietnam. After his retirement as a Lieutenant Commander, the couple made their home in Wheatland. He and his wife, the former Jayne Smith, were 1949 graduates of Wheatland High School. They were married in October 1953 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

After his retirement he worked in various capacities in Wheatland and was a real estate salesman for Allison Realty until he became ill in May 1980. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and woodworking. He was a member of the Wheatland Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife Jayne of Wheatland; two sons, Douglas Fraser Roff and Randal Morgan Roff, both of San Diego, Calif.; one daughter Laurie Frances Roff of Wheatland; his mother Hildegard Roff; two brothers, James Roff of Wheatland and William J. Roff of Tulsa, Okla.; one sister Helen Swartz of Aurora, Colo.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Roff, Sr. in May 1972.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the United Church of Christ with the Rev. Kenneth Saunders officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery. Military graveside rites were conducted by the Warren Air Force Base and U.S. Navy.

Serving as pallbearers were James Durr, Harold Allison, Forrest Sprouse, Keith Anderson, Ray Fertig and Vernon Short.

A memorial has been established to the Ray Roff Memorial Fund, with proceeds going to purchase an electric hospital bed to be used in the home of someone in need.

The Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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