

## Maurice Lyle Ruckle 1920 to 1997

Funeral services for Maurice Lyle Ruckle, <sup>4-4-1997</sup>76, were held Friday, April 11 at 1 p.m. at the Platte County Funeral Chapel in Wheatland, with Masonic Lodge #16 AF and AM officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Ruckle died Friday, April 4, in Tomball, Texas, after an extended illness.

Maury was born to Harry and Henrietta Ruckle Nov. 11, 1920, in Flandreau, S.D. Maury graduated from High School in 1939 and received his engineering training through an NYA training program at Flandreau Indian School as well as various other technical institutes and federal training courses. In 1943, Maury married Grace Martin; and from this union two children were born. In 1965, he married Pauline Cundall Pruis and became the father of five additional children. Maury served in the South Dakota National Guard, and worked for the State Highway Department. He also worked for Consolidated

Aircraft Corporation as a mechanic. In 1948, he joined the United States Civil Service as a quality control engineer with the ICBM Missile Installation Program. He retired from Civil Service in 1973. After retirement, Maury and his wife, Pauline, settled in Spring, Texas, and were active members of Tomball United Methodist Church. Maury was "raised" in the Flandreau Masonic Lodge No. 11 in 1949. He served as "Worshipful Master" of the Flandreau Lodge in 1984. He was a Knights Templar and a member of Nebraska York Rite of Free Masonary in Superior, Neb.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; sisters, Grace, Todd, tow sons, William Ruckle and Don Pruis; five daughters, Cheryl Wright, Ruth Owens, Margaret McKnight, Patricia Olson, and Mary Lou Wicks; twelve grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.