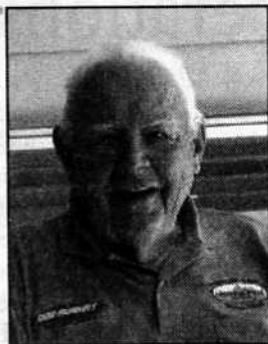


# Chuck Ruwart Jr.

October 11, 1932 – September 17, 2011

Funeral liturgy for Charles H. (Chuck) Ruwart Jr., 78, was conducted at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Fr. Thomas Kadera as Celebrant and Fr. Oscar Lukefahr C.M. as the Con-Celebrant. Vigil for the deceased was conducted at 7:00 P.M., Monday September 19, 2011 at St. Patrick Church. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Chuck died Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland, Wyoming, after a long illness. Chuck was born October 11, 1932, in Denver, Colorado, the son of Charles H. Ruwart Sr. and Rosemary Stock Ruwart. He attended elementary school at St. Dominic and St. Catherine of Sienna in Denver, and graduated from The Abbey High School in Canon City, Colorado in 1951. After graduation, Chuck went to work for Ruwart Manufacturing Company, a four generation family owned business that made western saddle trees and custom saddle accessories. Chuck married Jane Frances Meyer of St. Charles, Missouri, on November 30, 1957. They were married 49 years. They had three children; Charles III, Rosalie and Robert (Bob). Chuck became the owner of Ruwart Manufacturing Company after his father's death in 1958. However he had a passion for the automobile and in 1965, Chuck sold Ruwart Manufacturing to the employees and purchased Davidson Chevrolet in Denver, renaming the store Chuck Ruwart Chevrolet. He owned the dealership until 1985 at which time he and his wife Jane moved to Dillon, Colorado. During his time in Denver, Chuck served on many boards and was a member of the Denver Exchange Club, serving as president in 1979-1980. He was a board member and president of the Denver YMCA and served as presi-



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dent of the Denver Automobile Dealers Association in 1976. He and Jane were active members of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Denver. He also served on the board and as president of the Abbey School for many years.

In 1990, Chuck & Jane moved to Wheatland, Wyoming to be near family. While in Wheatland, Chuck was a member of the Wheatland Lions Club and was a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 3551 in Wheatland. The highlight of his retirement was that all of his family was able to move to Wheatland and spend quality time with him. He especially loved to attend ball games, playing gin rummy and the many activities of his grandchildren.

He is survived by his three children: son & daughter-in-law Chuck III and Lori Ruwart and their five children, Charley IV, Amanda, Brendan, Christopher & Patrick; his daughter Rosalie Ruwart, and son & daughter-in-law Bob and Rhonda Ruwart and their children, Jeff (Jacque) Herb and Jason Herb. He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife Jane in 2006; and a stillborn son Milton Ruwart in 1967.

Serving as pallbearers were Jeffery and Jason Herb, and Charley, Brendan, Christopher, and Patrick Ruwart. Honorary pallbearers are James K. Meyer, Milton E. Meyer Jr. and William C. Schmitt.

Memorials to the Chuck Ruwart Jr. Memorial Fund in care of First State Bank, P.O. Box 39, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 to benefit The Platte County Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Family and friends may call at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Monday, September 19, 2011, from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00P.M. and on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Gorman Funeral Homes-Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.