

James Amos Rybolt

March 8, 1926 – October 2, 2006

Funeral services for James Amos Rybolt, 80, will be conducted at 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating. Interment with military graveside rites will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center in Cheyenne.

James was born March 8, 1926, in Kenney, Ill., the son of Wilmah Ferne and Henry C. Rybolt. He was reared and educated in Illinois, graduating from Kenney High School. He joined the United States Navy on Dec. 17, 1948; then served in the United States Marine Corps and then the United States Army; being discharged on Dec. 5, 1954, with the rank of First Lieutenant. James married Norma E. Hassell in Piedmont, Mo., on May 5, 1952. He was in the Reserves and worked as a motel manager in Memphis, Tenn., for seven years and other odd jobs until becoming employed with the United States Post Office. During his tenure with the postal system, he worked in Sioux Falls and then Rapid City, S.D. for 17 years. After his retirement on June 30, 1991, with a combination of 37 years in the military and civil service, he and his wife

moved to Wheatland in 1992. He was active with the Lion's Club in Casper, serving as a director with the Alan Stewart Lion's Camp for the blind; a member of the Assembly of God Church while in Rapid City; and attended First Christian Church in Wheatland. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, his grandchildren, reading, war movies, watching the news, and talking about his military career.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years of Wheatland; three children, James Gordon Rybolt of Denver, Colo., Linda Karen Sowers and husband, Paul Donald of Wheatland; and Carol Hassell Rybolt of Gaithersburg, Md.; 11 grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister; three brothers; and a granddaughter, Elizabeth Sowers.

Memorials to a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the funeral chapel on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Friday from 9 - 11 a.m.

Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.