

Melvin Wallenburn 1916 to 1995

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Funeral services for Robert Melvin Wallenburn, 79, were held Jan. 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Chugwater, Wyo., with Reverend Darrell Dennis officiating. Interment was held in Wheatland.

Wallenburn died Saturday, Dec. 30 at his home in Wheatland.

Born July 3, 1916 in Goshen Hole, Wyo., Wallenburn was the son of Alfred and Mabel (Lanning) Wallenburn. He was reared and educated in the Goshen Hole area.

He was married to Barbara Allen Henderson in Groveland, Mass., on Oct. 14, 1945.

He was engaged in farming in the Chugwater and Slater areas for 45 years, until he retired and moved to Wheatland in 1991.

Wallenburn served in the United States Army from Aug. 18, 1941 to Sept. 30, 1945. He operated bulldozers and road scrapers in construction work of roads and airports in Canada and Alaska on the Alcan Highway, and in the Aleutian Islands.

He earned the rating of sharpshooter in marksmanship and received the American Theatre Service Award medal, the Asiatic Pacific Service Award medal and the Good Conduct medal.

Survived by his wife, Barbara, of Wheatland, Wallenburn is also survived by his daughter, Martha Gurney of

Torrington, Wyo.; brothers, Harry of Otterville, Miss., Almer and Leo of Klamath Falls, Ore.; sisters, Dorothy Swan of Slater, Grace Thompson of Torrington and Margaret Murphree of Paso Robles, Calif.; grandchildren, Robert Gurney of Chugwater, Richard Gurney of Yuba City, Calif., Russell Gurney of Torrington, Jason Gurney of Salt Lake City, Utah, Leslie Villafuerte of Longmont, Colo., and Alisa Gurney of Torrington; great grandchildren, Robert Gurney Jr., Andrea Gurney, Justin Gurney, Jerimy Gurney, Laurie Gurney and Jose Villafuerte Jr; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents; and a brother, Joseph Wallenburn.

Serving as pallbearers were Richard Schamel, Jim Wallenburn, Owen Goertz, Robert Gurney, Richard Gurney and Russell Gurney.

A memorial to the First United Method Church of Chugwater would be appreciated by the family.

The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of arrangements.