

DUANE HENRY WARD

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Services for Duane Henry "Buck" Ward, who died March 13, 1983, at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland, were held Wednesday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. at United Methodist Church with Rev. Virgil Lamm officiating.

Duane Ward was born October 31, 1921 in Harrisburg, Nebr., the son of Henry and Pearl Heinz Ward. As a youngster he moved with his family to LaGrange.

After graduating from Chugwater High School he entered the U. S. Army Air Force and served in England and France during W.W.II. Upon being discharged he attended engineering school in Nebraska.

When he moved to Wheatland, he worked for the State Highway Department for a short period of time, then joined the Soil Conservation Service, working there until his death.

He became active in the Babe Ruth baseball program, being instrumental in developing a stronger association in the area. At the time of his death he was a Commissioner of the Pacific N.W. Region and held a position on the International Board of Directors of Babe Ruth. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge and the Soil Conservation Society of America.

Survivors include three sons, Wade Ward at Dallas Ward, both of Wheatland, and Randall Bailey of Jackson Hole; one brother, John Ward of Sacramento, Calif.; three sisters, Vivian Hedlund and Ruby Pauli of Cheyenne and Vera Angell of Wheatland, and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, a son, and a sister.

A memorial in his name has been established to the local Babe Ruth League for the tournament to be held in Wheatland this summer.

Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.