

Donald D. Weldon

March 8, 1934 - December 16, 2003



Tuesday, December 16, 2003, at United Medical Center – West in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Don was born March 8, 1934, in Wheatland, Wyoming, the son of Jack Fitzgerald and Elva Pearl (Scranton) Weldon. He was reared and educated in Wheatland and worked on various ranches before joining the United States Marine Corps serving from 1952 – 1955. He continued his military service by serving as a reservist in the Wyoming Army National Guard where he served 25 years for a total of 28 years of military service. Don married Freddie Lu Searl on December 25, 1955, in the United Methodist Church in Wheatland. Early in their marriage they lived briefly in Casper, Wyoming and Denver, Colorado, before returning to Wheatland. He worked as a service technician

for White's Gas & Appliance, in construction, for Wilson Bros. Inc. and, then for the Town of Wheatland from 1971 to 1996, first as a police officer and then transferred to the city shop as the purchasing agent, retiring after 25 years. Don was a member of the United Methodist Church, American Legion, and Therapy Dogs, Inc. He was a man of many talents and enjoyed artifact hunting, collecting various items, fishing, and was a past umpire for Little League, Junior Legion, and Men's baseball. Of special interest to Don were therapy dogs and the 4-H dog training program where he was a leader until he was unable to continue due to poor health.

He is survived by his wife of almost 48 years, Freddie Lu of Wheatland; a daughter and her husband, Sage

and Skip Bridger of Pompano Beach, Florida; three brothers, Richard Weldon of Olympia, Washington, Charles Rawlings of Martinez, California, and Lee Ray Rawlings of Phoenix, Arizona; his faithful companions, Winter and Woody; and numerous in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be all of his many friends. Memorials to the Don Weldon Memorial Fund in care of Wells Fargo Bank, P.O. Box 669, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201, with the funds to be used for the Platte County 4-H Dog Training Program, Therapy Dogs Inc., and Home Away From Home, would be appreciated by the family.

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

Memorial services for Donald D. Weldon, 69, were held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, December 22, 2003, at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Reverend Les Ludlam officiating and Fred Mastriona as Eulogist. Inurnment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery with military rites accorded by the Wyoming National Guard, Laramie Peak Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3358, and American Legion Ora Call Post #10.

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