

OBITUARY

Ray Edward Farnam

CASPER - Services for Casper resident Ray Edward Farnam, 76, will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9, in the chapel of Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery in Evansville by Chaplain Ellis Kaster of Wyoming Medical Center. Military honors will be accorded by Natrona County United Veterans' Council.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at Memorial Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory.

He died Feb. 2, 2004, at Central Wyoming Hospice Home, following a lengthy illness with cancer.

Born April 9, 1927, in Streeter, N.D., he was the son of Charles Albert and Flora Bell (Hammond) Farnam; and graduated from Thorp Consolidated School in South Dakota in 1945.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army Signal Corps in 1945 and was honorably discharged in 1947, at the rank of private first class.

He then farmed in Clark County, S.D.

On Oct. 28, 1951, he married Myrtle Christianson in Clark, S.D.

He began working for Frontier Airlines as a station agent in 1958 and retired in 1985 in Rapid City, S.D., after 26 years of service. From 1965 to 1967, he also was the justice of the peace for Box Elder, S.D., and performed 76 wedding ceremonies.

After his retirement, he owned and operated an excavation business in Rapid City until moving to Torrington in 1996. The couple relocated to Casper in December 1999.

An avid hunter, he enjoyed gardening and canning; restoring old vehicles; working; and masonry with native rock and landscaping. He had a deep love for his country.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years of Casper; two sons, Gary Farnam of Spearfish, S.D., and Terry Farnam and his wife of Boise, Idaho; five grandchildren; and sister, Myrtle Thorn, and her husband of California.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Frank, Arthur and Fred; and five sisters, May, Esther, Ferne, Marion and Florene.

Memorials may be made to Central Wyoming Hospice Program, 319 S. Wilson, Casper, WY 82601.

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