

BIRKLE, DAVID  
December 13, 1919-July 5, 2009

Funeral liturgy for David Birkle, 89, will be conducted at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, July 9, 2009 at Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Father Bill Brock officiating. The Vigil for the Deceased will be conducted at 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 8, 2009, also at Saint Patrick Catholic Church. Interment with military rites accorded by Laramie Peak Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3558 and Ora Call American Legion Post #10 will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Sunday, July 5, 2009, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

David was born December 13, 1919, in Fort Collins, Colorado, the son of Gottfried and Mary (Young) Birkle. The family moved to Wheatland in 1927, and David was reared and educated there. On February 8, 1944, David married Germaine E. Robinson in Fort Dix, New Jersey. He served in the United States Army from 1942-1945 during World War II. David worked at a dairy in Casper, Wyoming, from 1955-1962 and then in the oilfields from 1962-1965. In 1965, the family returned to Wheatland to the family ranch where he had worked prior to moving to Casper. He was residing at the ranch at the time of his death.

Beginning in 1980, he and his wife wintered in Arizona and spent summers in Wheatland. He was a lifetime member of Laramie Peak Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3558 and the Purple Heart Association. David enjoyed hunting, fishing, tinkering and working on the ranch.

Survivors include his wife, Germaine of Wheatland; three children, Eugene (Mary Ann) Birkle of Wheatland, Amelia (Harold) Black of Mojave, Arizona, and Rodney (Arlene) Birkle of Wheatland; a niece they raised, Anna (Bruce) Reid of Missoula, Montana; 13 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Mollie Hagmier,; and four brothers, Walter, Henry, Edward and Victor Birkle.

Friends and family may call at the Funeral Chapel Wednesday from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Memorials to the David Birkle Memorial Fund of Bank of the West-611 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Wheatland, 82201, would be appreciated by the family.

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