

James Everett Bookout

Funeral services for James Everett Bookout, age 74, were held at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, Wednesday, March 14, at 10 a.m., with Floyd Hopper, minister, officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery. Mr. Bookout died March 9, at the Memorial Hospital in Cheyenne.

James Everett Bookout was born February 22, 1916 at Wheatland. He was reared and educated in Wheatland.

He married Betty Jane Sedman April 10, 1939 in Hot Springs, S.D. He worked for a while for the WPA working on the National Guard Camp at Guernsey.

During World War II the family moved to Southgate, Calif., where he worked for the Rheem Manufacturing Company.

They returned to Wheatland after the war and went to work at Whites Gas & Appliance. In 1959 Jim and Betty purchased the business and changed the name to Jim Bookout & Company. In 1978 they sold the business and retired.

Jim enjoyed raising shetland ponies and was an avid fisherman, enjoying several trips to Canada with many of his friends, and on one trip, his 12 year old grandson.

His greatest desire was to restore and enjoy Model A vehicles, which he accomplished upon his retirement in 1978.

Since that time he became involved in the Model A Club of America and was instrumental in organizing a local group of antique car lovers.

He is survived by his wife, one son Donald W. Bookout of Newburgh, Ind.; one daughter, Linda J. Ferguson of Custer, S.D.; two brothers, Cecil and Joseph Bookout of Wheatland; two sisters, Virginia White of Wheatland, and Majorie Powell of Yuma, Ill.; four grandchildren, Christina and Brad Williamson and Jennifer and David Bookout.

Serving as pallbearers were Craig Kennedy, Larry Ashenhurst, Bill James, Jim Bohl, Dave Evans, and Zachery Ash.

A memorial fund has been established for the Laramie Peak Museum in Wheatland.

The Platte Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.