Theodore 'Earl' Bowman

January 9, 1926 - December 22, 2005

Funeral services for Ft. Laramie resident, Theodore "Earl" Bowman, 79, were conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 26, 2005, at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Bob Frye of the Guernsey United Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland.

He died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at Memorial Hospital of Converse County in Douglas.

Mr. Bowman was born Jan. 9, 1926, at the Bowman family homestead at Dwyer, son of Elizabeth (Kissel) and Joseph N. Bowman. He was reared and received his elementary education at Dwyer and graduated from Guernsey-Sunrise High School in 1945. Earl married Jacqueline Mae Latta on Nov. 23, 1947, in Fort Laramie. He loved farming and ranching in the Dwyer area north of Wheatland with his brother. George. He worked on the building of the Glendo Dam and I-25: for the railroad: driving school bus; for CF&I- Sunrise Mine. In his retirement years, he worked ten years at the Guernsey Golf Course. He and his wife moved to Guernsey in 1990 and to Ft. Laramie in 2002. Earl enjoyed tinkering and reading. He was a member of the Guernsey United Presbyterian Church where he was a deacon. He was an avid fan of the Wyoming Cowboys and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years of Ft. Laramie; five children, Jim and wife. Marilyn Bowman of Lewisville, Texas, Vicki and husband, Jim Bowsher of Ft. Laramie, Jon Bowman of North Platte, Neb., Randy and wife. Becky Bowman of Cheyenne, and Biff and husband, Ross Gorman of Douglas; one sister, Betty Winkler of Mesa, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Louise Tittle and Jessie Ennis; two brothers. Joe Bowman Jr. and George Bowman; and two great-grandsons.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ron Gilson, Jack Joecks, Bob Fletcher, Gale Rutherford, Chuck Frederick, and Joe Hohnholt. Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Call, Roland Brown, Harold Rexius, Frank Jones, Arnie Cancino, and Jarvis Windom.

Memorials to the Guernsey United Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 298, Guernsey, WY 82214 or Ft. Laramie Rescue Unit, Box 493, Ft. Laramie, WY 82212 would be appreciated by the family.

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