

Alfred James "Al" Desautel

April 25, 1925 - January 2, 2014

A funeral service for Alfred James "Al" Desautel, 88, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at the First Christian Church in Wheatland with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery with military honors accorded.

Al Desautel, a resident of Wheatland died Thursday, Jan. 2 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland of natural causes.

Al was born April 25, 1925 in Newark, N.J. the son of Alfred Frederick and Genevieve (Hume) Desautel.

Al and his mother moved from Dover, N.H. to Southern California in 1936, where he resided

until moving to Wheatland in 1991. Al served in the National Guard from 1942 through 1946. He married Anna Darlene Budroe on June 28, 1946, in Winnetka, Calif. and they enjoyed 67 years of marriage before Alfred passed.

Al worked as a machinist during and after World War II, and then as a meter reader with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power until 1956. At that time, he opened a private accounting practice in Canoga Park, Calif. He continued that practice until he fully retired in 2012. Although Al intended to semi-retire when moving to Wheatland

in 1991, his accounting clients in Calif. would not let him retire and kept sending him their work until he fully retired in 2012. In addition to supporting his family with his accounting practice, Al was also a strong Christian, and worked in many capacities serving his Lord. His favorite was working with the youth ministry at Christ Community Church in Winnetka, Calif.

Al is survived by his wife Anna; daughter, Connie Thomas of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; son, James (Cynthia Montoya) Desautel of Monument, Colo.;

four grandchildren, Cliff Thomas of Thousand Oaks, Calif., Robin (Gary) Hunn of Thousand Oaks, Ryan (Jennifer) Desautel of Beavercreek, Ohio, and Andrew (Laura) Desautel of Roswell, Ga.; and four great grandchildren, Ashley Devolites, Brittany Thomas, Amber Devolites, and Joey Hunn.

Serving as pallbearers will be Andrew Desautel, Cliff Thomas, Joseph Hunn, Dick Olsen, Gary Hunn, Steve Olsen, and Mark Varshawsky.

Looking back on Al's Christian service, his favorite time was sponsoring young people. For those that would like to contribute to a memorial, the family suggests the youth program at First Christian Church. A memorial to the First Christian Church - Youth Program, 95 Nineteenth Street, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.gormanfh.com