

Michael J. Dooley

September 11, 1941 – March 23, 2005

Funeral services for Michael J. Dooley, 63, were conducted at 1 p.m. on Monday, Mar. 28 at First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Wednesday, Mar. 23, at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Mike was born Sept. 11, 1941, in Denver, Colo., the son of James and Dorthesia (Mosier) Dooley. He attended schools in Colorado and Nebraska; graduating from high school in Curtis, Neb.; and, attended the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming for three years. On June 14, 1963, he married Stephanie Johnson in Denver; they later divorced. Mike ranched and farmed in Idaho Springs, Colo., Chugwater, and then Wheatland. He worked for Basin Electric Power Plant for 23 years before retiring in December, 2003. Mike enjoyed fishing, collecting rocks, arrowheads and coins, wood working, and carpentry; Scotch Highland cattle and dogs, reading, and his grandkids.

Survivors include two children, Tracie and husband, David Budd of Gillette and Shawn Dooley and wife, Karen of Belle Plaine, Kans.; two sisters and their spouses, Linda and Gale Young of Bingham, Neb. and Lynn and Jim Fitzgerald of Guernsey; five grandchildren, Jason Budd, Trevor Budd, and Katie Budd all of Gillette; and Britnee Dooley and Brandon Dooley both of Belle Plaine; two nephews and one niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Erin Dooley.

Serving as pallbearers will be Marty Finnerty, Steve Gudahl, Don Maston, Gary Gale, Steve Budd, and Kent Dannels. Honorary pallbearers will be Ralph Carlson, Keith Ockinga, and Steve Keller.

Memorials in memory of Erin Dooley to the Ronald McDonald House, 1000 East 16th Avenue, Denver, CO 80218 would be appreciated by the family.

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