

Clifford L. Flaharty

May 19, 1926-June 29, 2002

Services for Clifford L. Flaharty will be held at 2 p.m. Wed., July 3 at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland, with Reverend Les Ludlam officiating. Interment will be at the Wheatland Cemetery.

Clifford passed away June 29 at Platte County Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Wheatland May 19, 1926, the son of Earl and Myrtle Flaharty. He was raised on his parents' PR5 Ranch in Sybille Canyon.

He attended rural school at the ranch, later graduating from University Prep High School in Laramie. While living in

Laramie he ran an electronics business.

In 1954 he received his B.S. degree in electrical engineering from the University of Wyoming. He built the first TV antenna system in use in the Sybille community in 1954.

Clifford was married to Nancy Lou Vaughn in 1958 in Denver. Nancy had two children, Kevin and Janet, and the family lived in Lompoc Calif. while Cliff worked at Vandenburg Air Force Base. They were later divorced.

Cliff made his career at Martin Marietta, now Lockheed Martin, where he worked primarily in

Aerospace RF communications from 1956-1973 and 1978-1988.

Cliff worked on many important projects in the space program including communications work at Skylab, Mariner, the Apollo Program and the Space Shuttle.

His lifelong avocation was ham radio. He was an active member and secretary for several years of the Great Plains Amateur Radio Association. Cliff, call sign N7UCL, was trustee of the repeater he provided for the group at his tower site in Wheatland.

Cliff was an active member of the Colorado Civil Air Patrol.

He was a member of the Arapahoe Posse from 1970-1988, and worked at the Arapahoe Sheriff's Office from 1973-1978.

Clifford moved to Wheatland in 1988, taking an early retirement to care for his mother at her home.

Clifford was a member of the University of Wyoming Alumni Association, Platte County Historical Society and Wheatland Country Club. He was a lifetime member of the NRA and a past member and honorary member of the Masonic Lodge.

Serving as pall bearers are George Dameron, Terry Meier, Darrel Vogt, John Bell, Will Wales and Ed Cox. Honorary pall bearers are Milton Small, Chuck McFarland, George Lucy Jr., Tom Christnick, Bob Rice and Tom West.

Clifford is survived by his sister, Myra J. Hanna, niece Susan L. Hanna and husband Martin Weaklim of Laramie; a great niece, Julia R. Weaklim of Laramie; and a great nephew Ian A. Weaklim of Laramie; Myrtle McCulloch and husband Clyde of Wheatland; Larry Rosentreter and wife Peggy of Cheyenne; and cousins and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl Flaharty on Aug. 30, 1974, and Myrtle Rosentreter Flaharty on June 25, 1993, and his brother-in-law, Elwood Hanna on June 17, 2002.

Memorials may be made in Cliff's name to the Platte County Library or the UW College of Engineering Endowed Scholarship Program for electrical Engineering.