

# Kent LaVan Fuller

Kent LaVan Fuller <sup>5-26-1981</sup> died Tuesday, May 26, 1981 at his home in Wheatland at the age of 70.

He was born June 18, 1910 in Fremont County, Idaho. He was raised in Idaho and attended the University of Idaho in Moscow, majoring in engineering. During the war, he went to Alaska and was chief surveyor in laying the pipeline from White Horse, Yukon, to Norman Wells, Northwest Territory. This project was attempted by other groups twice but his was the group to accomplish completion of the pipeline which took 14 months. Kent was the first white man through much of that area. He discovered a lake which was named after him later by the Canadian government. He worked closely with Guy Blanchette, a noted Canadian explorer. He remained in Alaska for nine years and then moved to California for a short time. Kent then went to Thailand where he worked on surveying projects for power line locations. His work then took him to Vietnam where he served as project engineer while enlarging the Saigon Airport. Upon his return to the United States, he worked for the National Park Service in the western states as project supervisor. In 1976, he and his wife, Lucy, moved to Wheatland to spend their retirement.

Kent was a member of the Wheatland Masonic Lodge No. 16, the Eastern Star and the Scottish Rite.

He is survived by his wife Lucy; two sons, Tony and Mott Fuller, all of Wheatland, and three grandchildren, Stacy, Clay and Preston Fuller.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 29 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Wheatland with Father Sidney Hoadley officiating. Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites.

A memorial in his name has been established to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.