

# Ernest L. Hobbs

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Ernest Leroy Hobbs, 69, of Medicine Bow, died Sept. 20 at Iverson Memorial Hospital in Laramie.

He was born July 18, 1912 in the Wheatland Flats area, the son of John Hobbs and Gertrude Stephens Hobbs. He grew up on the Hobbs' homestead ranch, 18 miles west of Wheatland. He attended country schools in the Wheatland area. He married Mary DeVall in 1937 in Wheatland. He entered the Navy in 1942, and served on the U.S.S. Wasp in the Pacific Theater. He returned to Wheatland after the war to work on the family ranch before moving to Laramie in 1952. He married Darlene Lock of Wheatland in 1954. While in Laramie he worked at the Monolith Cement Co. for 17 years.

He is a charter member of the Trinity Baptist Church of Laramie, established in 1957. He married Irene Chace of Medicine Bow, April 6, 1963. After working numerous places in Wyoming he returned to Medicine Bow in 1972. He worked on the Chace Brothers Ranch and was a charter member of the Medicine Bow Baptist Church, established in 1973. He retired in 1975 and enjoyed traveling, motorcycling and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Charlie, Jack, Frankie and George; sisters, Mabel Grace and Mary Eleanor. He is survived by his wife Irene of Medicine Bow; sons, Larry of Wheatland, Eldon of Twin Falls, Idaho; daughters, Mrs. Dick (Sharon Kay) Bishop of Torrington and Linda Hobbs of Mountain View; a sister, Ruth Eshom of Wheatland, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Bussell Funeral Home in Laramie. Military committal, conducted by the VFW and American Legion posts, was at the Wheatland Cemetery at 3 p.m. A memorial fund to the Medicine Bow Baptist Church has been established. They can be sent to Mrs. Donna Phillips, the church treasurer, at Medicine Bow.