Hiram Benton Kissel

Services for Hiram Benton Kissel, 86, were held Saturday, November 28, at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, Wyo., with Andy Gudahl, Minister, officiating. Interment was held in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Kissel died at his home in Wheatland, Thursday, November 26, 1998.

Hiram was born September 16, 1912, in Fortesque, Mo., the son of Hiram Theodore and Sara Francis (Mullens) Kissel. His family moved to Dwyer, Wyo. to homestead in 1915. He carried the mail in Dwyer for a time and then moved to Utah where he worked in the steel mills. Hiram served in the United States Army in Company C-727 in the Military Police from 1942-1945. After the service, he returned to Wyoming. He married Icie Ruth Campbell on June 2, 1954, in Cheyenne, Wyo. They resided in Wheatland until their deaths. Hiram worked until his retirement for CF&I Steel in Sunrise, Wyo. He enjoyed saying he was a "Jack of all trades and master of none" but, fishing was his #1 trade.

Hiram is survived by his children, Malvern Kissel of Wheatland, Sandra Lee Dunlap of Wheatland, Robert T. Kissel of Cheyenne, Lawrence L. Kissel of Cheyenne and Ev (Evelyn) Hanley of Wheatland; 19 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Icie on July 12, 1998; four sisters; and seven brothers.

Serving as pallbearers were Gary Hanley, Bruce Dunlap, Lawrence Kissel, Robert Kissel, Malvern Kissel and Harold Allbright. Honorary pallbearers were Orville Allbright and his many friends and relatives.

Memorials to M&S Oxygen, 1501-16th Street, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.