

The couple's grown son, Ian, had a song, "Because You Loved Me," played in their honor Tuesday as he sat quietly in the front row surrounded by others.

After the service, mourners filed out quietly. Paula and Craig Henderson of Wheatland were among them. Mrs. Henderson knew Mrs. Morrison from the early 1980's when they were both in AAUW.

Mr. Morrison was an excellent teacher, the Hendersons said.

"Two of our three kids had him in social studies," Paula Henderson said. "He was very willing to learn about the students and to work with them on a one-to-one basis."

The Morrisons were "inseparable," Craig Henderson said.

"He took time out of his principal's job to go home to help her," he added. "What happened, I guess we'll never really know."

Terri Williams Yeadon, 37, is a Wheatland native who had Morrison for a history teacher when she was in the eighth grade.

"He was great," she said.

Two of her three children have had him for a teacher.

"He was awesome," said Ann Yeadon, 15. "He got me into really liking history."

Morrison also sparked their interest in long-distance running. Mrs. Yeadon said she took up the sport when she was in school and now her daughter is on the track team.

Terri Yeadon said Mr. Morrison was a "pillar of the community." She said she wished the administration had called off school Monday because children need time to mourn. The community is in shock about what police say has happened, she said.

"It's really hard for me to believe because of the way he was," she said. "He was happy-go-lucky."

If what happened occurred like the police have said, she said, it was "more an act of compassion."

What happened on April 8th "does not fit with him," Ann Yeadon added.

Michelle Francis, 15, said Morrison was "one of the best teachers."

"He was a good man, a good person," she said "His life revolved around (Mrs. Morrison."

Tony Fuller teaches math at Wheatland Junior High and had taught with Morrison for 29 years.

"He was great," he said. "He was very much a tradition."

Fuller said Morrison cared for his wife, making sure she had everything she needed before he went to work. He went home at lunch.

Fuller said there was tremendous pressure in the principal's job and with his wife's illness.

"I don't think the public realizes the pressure a principal is under," he said.

What apparently happened was out of character, he added.

"He wouldn't share his troubles," Fuller said. "I wish he would have."