

NICKEL, LEON KIM
July 23, 1951-August 31, 1969

Leon Kim Nickel, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nickel, Wheatland, lost his life early Sunday morning when the pickup he was driving missed a curve, two miles west and one-half mile north of Ferguson corner on the country road. The vehicle rolled one complete turn throwing Nickel out, then rolling over him. He died instantly of injuries which he received.

A passenger in the vehicle, Rick Riley of Dwyer, received only minor cuts and bruises. Riley walked to the Larry Lebsack farm for help.

Funeral services for young Nickel were held Wed., Sept. 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Methodist Church. Rev. Carlos Hernandez officiated. Pallbearers included Rick Riley, Kenneth Lipps, Gary Miller, Mike Talley, Jerry Johnson and Grant Call.

Leon Kim Nickel was born July 23, 1951, in Wheatland and had spent his entire lifetime here. He graduated from the Wheatland High School with the Class of 1969 and was engaged in farming with his father on their farm located northeast of Wheatland.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nickel; three sisters, Mrs. Philip (Sharon) Jenkins, Wheatland, Mrs. Keith (Leoetta) Lammey, Cheyenne, Donella Nickel at home; his maternal grandfather, Kim Pitts, Casper; and three nephews, Dale, Greg and Brad Jenkins.