

John Robert Shaffer

July 23, 1930 – February 27, 2006

Funeral services for John Robert Shaffer, 75, were held 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating. Inurnment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Shaffer died Monday, Feb. 27, 2006 at the Memorial Hospital of Converse County in Douglas.

He was born July 23, 1930 in Laramie, the son of John George and Anna M. (Strange) Shaffer. He was the oldest of five children. He was raised on the Shaffer family ranch, Indian Guide Ranch, at Iron Mountain. He received his elementary education at the school on the ranch, and the family moved into Laramie where he received his high school education, graduating from the University Prep High School. He joined the Wyoming National Guard following graduation, and was discharged in 1950. He started a career in law

enforcement with the Laramie Police Department, and met Ilah B. McGowan. They were married on Jan. 13, 1953 in Cheyenne, and they moved to Cheyenne in 1957. He worked for the Cheyenne Police Department, and then joined the Wyoming High Patrol in 1964. He retired from the patrol in May, 1989, after 25 years of service. He resided in Wheatland during his retirement years. He was a member of the Wyoming Peace Officers Association, Wyoming Highway Patrol Association; and a life member of the Cody Elks B P O Lodge No. 1611. He enjoyed his family, friends, coffee buddies, hunting, fishing, reading western books, and watching western movies.

He is survived by his wife, Ilah, of Wheatland; children, Dawn Rittel and husband Brad of Douglas, Vicki Fellows and husband, Ira of Cody, and Dan Shaffer and Cindy Hopfauf of Wheatland; sisters, Betty Warrick and Gina Zouhar both of Chula Vista, Calif.; brother Roger Shaffer of Cheyenne; grandchildren, Kelly Kahler of Douglas, Mike Kahler of Laramie, Jeff Kahler of Douglas, Christi Livingston of Cody, and Rikki Lynn Bowen of Cheyenne; great-grandson, Chase Livingston of Cody; and several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Roberta "Lynn" Bowen, on Jan. 10, 1993 and sister, Mary Stallings.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Dan Shaffer, Ira Fellows, Brad Rittel, Tom Kahler, Kelly Kahler, Mike Kahler, Jeff Kahler, Jason Livingston, Chase Livingston, Austin Rittel, Steve Keigley, and all of his coffee buddies.

The family would appreciate memorials to the Home Away From Home, 2600 East Eighteenth Street, Cheyenne, WY 82001.

Gorman Funeral Homes-Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.