

Jack Milton Shelton

July 27, 1922 – November 11, 2007

Proud to be an American, Jack Milton Shelton, 85, of Wheatland, Wyo., a man dedicated to seeing the American Flag displayed, passed away at the Davis Hospice Center in Cheyenne, Wyo., on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2007. A memorial service was conducted on Friday, Nov. 16, 2007, at the First Christian Church in Wheatland with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating and military rites accorded by Laramie Peak Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3558 and American Legion Post #95. Inurnment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Jack was born in Omaha, Neb., on July 27, 1922 to Frank and Cecil (Barney) Shelton. The family moved to Illinois where Jack graduated from high school in Princeton, Ill., in 1942. Jack joined the United States Army in 1943 and served gallantly with the 30th Infantry Division until being seriously wounded in Germany on March 26, 1945. Returning to Illinois, Jack married Helen L. Read and was employed as a draftsman. After their first son, James M. Shelton was born in 1946, the family moved to Cheyenne, Wyo., where Jack was employed at F.E. Warren AFB as a plumber. In 1950 their second son, Joseph M. Shelton was born. Jack loved Wyoming and was an avid fly fisherman and outdoorsman. In 1961 he suffered his first heart attack and changed careers, selling cars at Halladay Motors in Cheyenne. In 1965 Jack married Violet (Sims) Disbrow and later moved to Illinois where he was employed at the Caterpillar Tractor Company as a government inspector. After Jack retired and Vi's death, he moved to Wheatland where he met and married Florence (Miller) Hegglund. Jack was very active in the Laramie Peak Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3558 and American Legion Post #95. If you ever

had a torn or tattered flag in the Wheatland area, you probably met Jack.

Decorated with the Bronze Star, Silver Star, and Purple Heart during World War II, Jack devoted the last several years helping the residents and businesses in Wheatland proudly fly Old Glory. Jack always worked hard helping the VFW and American Legion with civic functions and military funerals. He was also very active with the Avenue of Flags which is displayed each Memorial Day in the Wheatland Cemetery. Flying an American Flag will always be a tribute to this man's passion and love for his country.



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Survivors include his loving wife, Florence of Wheatland; his son, Joseph M. Shelton of Scottsdale, Ariz.; daughter-in-law, Linda Shelton of Wheatland; stepdaughter, Vicki Riets of Flanagan, Ill.; stepson, Carl Buchanan of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two grandsons, Troy Shelton and Sean Shelton; three granddaughters, Heather Gould, Amy Evers, and Carrie Dorning; two step-grandsons, Jay Behrens, and Eric Buchanan; and one step-granddaughter, Touann Phillips; and 17 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his eldest son, James M. Shelton; and his second wife, Violet Shelton.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were his grandchildren: Troy Shelton, Heather Gould, Jay Behrens, Amy Evers, Touann Phillips, Carrie Dorning, Sean Shelton, and Eric Buchanan.

Memorials in Jack's memory to help preserve the Avenue of Flags may be made to Avenue of Flags in care of First State Bank, P.O. Box 39, Wheatland, WY 82201-0039.

Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.