

Earl Louis Southworth

May 30, 1926 – May 15, 2007

A service for Earl Louis Southworth, 80, will be conducted at 10:30 A.M., Friday, June 29, 2007, at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Pastor Skip Perry officiating. Inurnment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland.

He died Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Earl was born May 30, 1926, in Wheatland, the son of Nathaniel Louis and Mabel (Hartman) Southworth. He was reared and educated in Wheatland graduating from Wheatland High School in 1944. He served in the United States Army Air Corp and upon his discharge, returned to Wyoming and worked in the coal mines at Hanna, Wyoming. Earl moved to California and began working in the aircraft industry as a template maker. On December 22, 1962, he married Ida Burman in Palm Springs, California. They made their home in Whittier, California. Earl retired in the early 1990's. In January of 2007, he sold his home in California and moved back to Wheatland. Earl's first love was his wife, Ida, and the banjo his second love. He played in five separate banjo

bands while living in Southern California. Earl always returned to Wheatland on vacation to visit old friends and take part in jam sessions with his music making friends. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Eagles Lodge in California.

Survivors include three step-children, John Burman of Mountain Home, Arkansas, Susan Peralta of Whittier, California, and Marilyn Meyers of La Mirada, California; numerous step-grandchildren, step-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ida on October 8, 2004; a sister, Vicki Irene Biggs; and a brother, Dean E. Southworth.

Honorary pallbearers will be his family and his friends.

Memorials to the United Methodist Church, Red Bird Mission, 907 – 9th Street, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201, Platte County Ministry Co-op, P.O. Box 322, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201, or a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family.

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