

**SUTHERLAND, RODNEY F.**  
**February 6, 1923-December 1, 1950**

Rodney Sutherland, one of the most likable young men in this community, died December 1, following a six weeks' illness in General Rose Memorial hospital in Denver. Rodney was one of the most ardent sports' fans and had been hampered throughout his entire life with a weak heart. Throughout his high school days, he was unable to participate in sports, but in later years, he became a stellar baseball and softball performer and was one of the most popular young men ever to perform on the local sandlots.

Many had believed that if Rod had not suffered from heart trouble, he would have become a major league baseball player as he possessed all of the natural talents and the competitive spirit that makes great performers.

Last summer he was forced to give up playing and became manager for the Wheatland Lumber company team in the local softball league.

Born February 6, 1923 in Twisp, Wash., he lived with his grandparents in Wheatland and attended school here.

Rodney had been employed by the City Bakery here for the past three and one-half years and was a member of the Methodist church., the Wheatland fire department and the Platte County Athletic association.

Survivors include his wife, Cleeta; three stepchildren, Gene, Delores and Bernard Studer; his mother, Mrs. Mills Brahmer of San Diego, an aunt, Mrs. Margaret James of Sunrise; and his grandfather, Frank Sutherland of Wheatland.

Last rites were held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Methodist church. The Rev. J.B. Milstead and the Rev. Howard Rice officiated.

Burial was at the Wheatland cemetery. Acting pallbearers included Don and Dean B. Borthwick, Bud Sylvester, Mack Jones, George Good, Jr. and Sam Isabel, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Reuben Good, Dr. O.B. Wilson, Jack Brown, James Clark, Harry Linton and Wayne Shafer.