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Darrel D. Vogt

February 10, 1936 – May 2, 2021

CHEYENNE – Darrel D. Vogt, 85, of Cheyenne died peacefully at home on May 2, 2021, surrounded by family.

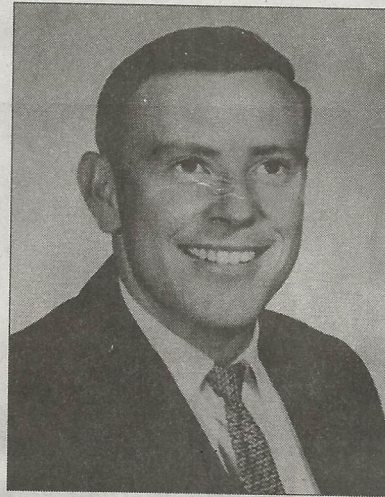
Darrel was born Feb. 10, 1936, in Elm Creek, Nebraska to Virgil and Nina (Franzen) Vogt. In the late '30s, during the Dust Bowl, Virgil loaded his family, meager belongings and a few potatoes into their 1923 Ford Model T and set off for Wheatland.

Darrel graduated from Wheatland High School in 1954. He then joined the U.S. Navy serving on the U.S.S. Mount Baker where he received a Good Conduct Medal. In 1959, he enrolled at the University of Wyoming and pursued a bachelor's de-

gree in Electrical Engineering, graduating in 1963.

On July 21, 1961, he married Dorothy Vandiver of Wheatland. They relocated to California where he started his electrical engineering career. In 1967, he relocated his family to Colorado, starting his career with the Federal Aviation Administration, retiring in the early 80's.

After becoming empty nesters while living in Wheatland, Darrel was employed by Raytheon allowing the couple to take advantage of traveling and living in their motor home while he installed airport electrical systems in various states, including Denver International Airport.



Darrel owned the Model T that carried the Vogt family to Wyoming. He showed the Model T in parades and car shows. Sharing rides was a source of pride sec-

ond only to his family. Darrel maintained his beloved Model T, refurbished antique John Deere tractors, piloted a Cessna 172, was a licensed ham radio operator and enjoyed cruise ships and Navy reunions with Dorothy. He was a member of First Christian Church in Wheatland where he volunteered maintenance and operated the sound board. He became a member of North Christian Church after moving to Cheyenne in 2013. Most of all, Darrel enjoyed playing along-side his children, granddaughters and great-granddaughters.

Darrel is survived by his wife of 59 years; children,

Joanie (Keith) Knight of Arnold, Nebraska, Shelly (Scott) Sprakties of Cheyenne, Cory Vogt of San Antonio, Texas, and Angie (Bobbie) Petersen of Pavillion; granddaughters, Chelsea (Bob), Amanda (Brett), Audrianna, Nichole and Makayla; five great-granddaughters; sister, Bonnie Swingle (Dick) English; brother-in-law, Al Fretz; and several nieces and nephews whom he adored. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Betty Fretz; and brother-in-law, Dan Swingle.

The family respected Darrel's wishes of cremation and no service. The family will celebrate his life at a later date.

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