WILKINSON, RICHARD FREDRICK August 20, 1937-April 18, 2009

A graveside service and inurnment for Richard Fredrick Wilkinson, 71, will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. Friday, April 24, 2009, in the Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland, Wyoming, with Father Jan Santich officiating.

Richard died April 18, 2009, at the Davis Hospice Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He was born August 20, 1937, in Oskaloosa, Kansas, the son of Leonard and Helen Gertrude (Asponwall) Wilkinson. In 1949, he moved with family to Rock River, Wyoming and attended school there. Later he moved to Walden, Colorado, where he worked 35 years in the timber business, which was owned by Louisiana Pacific among others. Richard married Mary M. Sousa in Walden on Aug. 8, 1981. They moved to Wheatland in 1995 and Richard worked for Georgia Marble until retiring until 2000. He loved his family and fishing.

Survivors include his wife Mary of Wheatland; four brothers, Bill Wilkinson of Medicine Bow, Wyoming, Leonard Wilkinson of Casper, Wyoming, Harold (Joan) Wilkinson and John (Cheryl) Wilkinson of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and six sisters, Mary (Orin) Svare of Mesa, Arizona, Kathleen Lock of Hiawatha, Kansas, Judy (Jim) Schirmer of Rock River, Wyoming, Carol Wilkinson of Laramie, Wyoming, Jean (George) Johner of Hanna, Wyoming, and Clara Ann (Jim) Callahan of Wheatland.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Robert, Jim and Ralph Wilkinson; and a sister, Lynn Lindeen.

Memorials to Davis Hospice Center in care of CRMC, 214 E. 23rd St., Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82001 would be appreciated by the family.

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