

FARNSWORTH, FRANKLIN LEE  
October 13, 1919-February 13, 2010

Franklin Lee Farnsworth passed away February 13, 2010, at the Davis Hospice Center in Cheyenne, Wyo., at the age of 90.

Franklin was born October 13, 1919, in Wheatland, Wyo., son of William Wright Farnsworth and Ida Mae King. He is predeceased by his brother Rallin Farnsworth and sister Rose Mae.

Frank met and married Mary-Alice Geiger in Bluffton, Ohio, on August 5, 1944 while serving in the Army Air Corps. Their marriage of 65 years ended with Mary-Alice's death on November 10, 2009.

A graduate of Wheatland High School and the School of Engineering at the University of Wyoming in 1949, Franklin began a career as an aerospace engineer and was instrumental in the man on the moon and manned orbital laboratory programs with NASA. His interest in flight and aerospace began with the Civil Air Patrol in Wheatland, and was variously employed by Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, WA., Convair General Dynamics in San Diego, CA, Chrysler-Michoud in New Orleans, LA, McDonnell-Aircraft in Huntington Beach, CA, and retired in 1980 from Martin-Decker, Santa Ana, CA.

He and Mary-Alice bought the King Ranch in Wheatland and lived their 30 year retirement until their deaths. Always interested in classic cars and a member of various classic car clubs and organizations, Frank collected and renovated to perfection a 1932 Chrysler Imperial 4-door convertible and a 1936 Packard Formal Sedan. Frank was also actively interest in archeology, American Indian culture and wildlife.

Frank and Mary-Alice traveled extensively during their marriage to China, Mexico, Chyle, Europe and England.

Frank is survived by three daughters, Ann Leone (Thomas) Dembski, Jane Susan (Mark) Asquino, Elizabeth Lee Farnsworth, and granddaughters, Elizabeth Leone Dembski and Gabrielle Rose Dembski.

Services will be held at the United Church of Christ, 1056 Walnut Street, Wheatland, Wyo., at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb 20, officiated by Pastor Jane Willis.