

Rodney Frank Sutherland
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Rodney Sutherland Funeral Services Held Here Sunday

Rodney Sutherland, one of the most likeable 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 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, Cleta; 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 in 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.

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Funeral Services Held For Rod Sutherland

In the passing of Rodney Frank Sutherland, Wheatland has lost one of its twenty-five year residents. Rod was born in Twisp, Washington, on February 16, 1923, and died as a result of a lifetime heart ailment on December 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Rose Memorial Hospital in Denver, following a six weeks illness. At the time of his illness he was employed at the City Bakery.

He was a member of the Wheatland Fire Department, Platte County Athletic Association, and the Methodist Church.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Cleta, three step children, Gene, Delores, and Bernard Studer; grandfather, Frank Sutherland, and his aunt, Mrs. Cecil James of Sunrise.

Reverend J.B. Milstead and Reverend Howard Rice officiated at the two o'clock services held in the Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon after which burial was made in the Wheatland

cemetery, with the Schrader Funeral Home in charge.

Pallbearers were Don and Dean Borthwick, Mack Jones, George Good, Jr., Bud Sylvester, and Sam Isabell, Jr.