

Gordon E. von Forell

7-4-1994

Funeral services for Gordon E. von Forell, 68 were held Thursday, July 7, 1994, at 12 noon, at the United Church of Christ in Wheatland, with Reverend Doctor James S. Vucolo and The Reverend Karin E. Wade of All Saints Episcopal Church officiating. Inurnment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Gordon died Monday, July 4, 1994, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland. He was born December 5, 1925, in Bridgeport, Neb., the son of Earl and Claudia (Porter) von Forell.

His family farmed near Henry, Neb. and they ranched near Torrington and Wheatland. He worked for the Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service in the United States Department of Agriculture where he was district director for A.S.C.S. in the Southeast part of Wyoming, Executive Director for A.S.C.S. in the state of Wyoming, was transferred by A.S.C.S. to Wash., D.C. as an assistant director.

After his retirement he made his home in Fairfax, Va. He served in the United States Army and was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. After the war he ranched for a time near Wheatland.

He was married to Mary Lee Grissom Bowen and to this union were born three daughters, Susan, Nancy, and Jayne. He married Margot Trothen on December 26, 1964, in Jackson, Mich. and to this union two daughters were born, Kathryn and Jennifer.

Gordon was a member of the Wheatland Masonic Lodge #16 A.F. and A.M., the Casper Rotary Club, Optimist Club of Fairfax, Va., and the Fairfax United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Margot, of Fairfax, Va., five daughters Kathryn von Forell of Alexandria, Va., Jennifer von Forell of Fairfax, Va., Susan Boughn of Lawrenceville, N. J., Nancy Barry of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Jayne Debus of Hastings, Neb., two grandchildren, Shannon Boughn of Calif. and Troy Barry of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gordon was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Earl; and one brother, Bruce. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Joe Johnson, Rex Johnson, Lowell Sonnenberg, Hardy von Forell, Charlie Droz, and Keith Pollet.

A memorial to the University of Wyoming Scholarship Fund-Agriculture Department, in care of Platte Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 816, Wheatland, would be appreciated by the family.

The Platte Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.