

James Donald Colby

WORLAND

— James Donald Colby, 99 year old Worland resident, died on Oct. 26, 2010 at the Worland Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Donald was born on July 1, 1911, in Chicago, Ill. a son of James Dwight and Lola “Birchard” Colby. The family moved southwest of Worland in 1916 where Don was raised on the family farm. Don’s early education (first through eighth grade) was at the Bluff Country School, he later graduated from Worland High School in 1929. He then worked on the family farm for the next couple of years.

Don then went to work for the county where he worked as a road foreman for the next 20 years. Don was a heavy equipment operator for 30 years working for Hinkle & Githens Construction and Wortham Construction. Don was married to Marjorie E. Hastings on the family farm on Aug. 27, 1939. They made their home in Worland until the time of Don’s passing. Don had many hobbies, he was an avid rock hound, collecting arrowheads, and different types of rocks; he enjoyed wood carving, fishing with family and friends. He found the Clovis spear point that led to the discovery of the Mammoth site east of Worland. Don belonged to the Worland Rock Club.

Don is survived by his wife Marjorie of 71 years, daughters Sandra (Jim) Taylor of Hot Springs, S.D., Donna (Edward) Merrill of Colorado Springs, Colo., sons Harold (Fran) Colby of Laramie and Russel (Tessie) Colby of Scottsbluff, Neb, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers; Lawrence, Robert and Francis Colby.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010 at the Bryant Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Guy Helms officiating. Burial of the cremains were at Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Worland. Memorial donations may be made to the Washakie County Museum in care of Bryant Funeral Home, PO Box 524, Worland, WY 82401.