



Ralph Abner Gifford

PINEDALE — Ralph Abner Gifford, 74, of Daniel, passed away peacefully Wednesday morning, Jan. 26, 2011, at the Sublette Center in Pinedale.

Ralph was born April 3, 1936, in Fairfield, Maine, to Ralph and Natalie Day Gifford. He spent his childhood, received his formal education and graduated high school in Fairfield. He attended college at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Mass.

He married Betty June Altman Sept. 26, 1987 in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Ralph worked as a commercial contractor in the construction industry for most of his life. He built many large commercial and industrial buildings back east.

Later in life, when he moved west, he used his knowledge and skill to specialize in the designing and building of log homes. Ralph was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Lions Club and the Sublette County chapter of the Wyoming Archaeological Society. He loved the great outdoors. His interests were hunting and fishing and he loved to take his horses out on a trail ride in the back country. He loved to ski and was a on the ski patrol for 24 years; he also enjoyed playing racquetball.

Ralph is survived by his wife Betty Gifford; daughters Allison Clemmer, Rita Allain and Ruth Meis; sons Ralph Gifford III, Ronald Gifford, Reggie Gifford, Robert Gifford and Randy Gifford; sisters Barbara Boynton and Carolyn Zimmer; brother Curtis Gifford; 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Natalie Gifford and brother Kendall Gifford. Memorial contributions can be made in Ralph's memory to the Sublette Center and Home Hospice, P.O. Box 788, Pinedale, WY 82941.