IN MEMORIUM

James G. Platt 1935-2023



Services for James G. Platt will be conducted on Friday, March 3, 2023, at Ballard Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery.

He passed away at his home in Cody of a heart attack. He was born April 24, 1935, in Boulder, Colo., the son of James G. Platt Sr. and Frances Hewitt Platt. The family farmed seven miles southwest of Longmont. He attended Potato Hill School K-4, Altona School 5-8, and 9-12 schools in Longmont, Colo., graduating from Longmont High School in 1953. He was in 4-H for 10 years and FFA while in high school. He attended the National Livestock thing for FFA in Kansas City, KS, and attained the State Farmer Degree. He loved woodworking, lapidary, flintknapping and rockhounding.

After serving in the Colorado National Guard, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was assigned to serve as air traffic controller in the United States Air Force and served in Texas and Missouri.

After the service, he was a dairy farmer and a carpenter. He moved to Cody in 1972 and farmed on Heart Mountain. While farming, he also worked as a carpenter. In 1973, he started working for Cody Cabinet & Supply as a cabinetmaker and worked there for 16 years. Then he worked for New West Furniture until retirement in 1997. In 2002, he began working for Lester Santos at Santos Furniture and worked there until retirement. All in all, he worked in construction for 50 years.

He married his best friend and soulmate Jackie Farias in 1974 in Cody at the Methodist Church.

They enjoyed many happy times together as they were kindred spirits. He loved his wife and children and grandchildren.

He was a member of Cody Bible Church. He was baptized into the Christian faith on Aug. 28, 2007, in the Shoshone River. He was a member of the Absaroka Chapter of the Wyoming Archaeology Society. He had been their president three times. He found the Platt Archaeological Site, southwest of Cody and lead chapter excavations at the site.

He is survived by his wife Jackie, two sons Alan (Donna) of Wheatland, Keith (Kristina) of Kingsville, Texas, two daughters Teresa Dunn (Scott) of Tomball, Texas, and Lisa (Chris) of Morgantown, W.Va.; brother Frank of Kansas, and three grandsons Nathan Dunn, Justin Dunn and Brett Platt, three granddaughters Jennifer Platt, Avery Elizabeth Platt, and Sloane Grace Scheitle, cousin Beth Dirkes, and many good friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law Earl Helms and his mother-in-law Helen Helms. Also preceding Jim in death were his brothers Bill Platt and Richard Platt and cousin Art Trevarton.

The family would appreciate memorials to the Absaroka Chapter of WAS, P.O. Box 181, Cody, WY, for their scholarship fund.

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