



Wilbur Gerald Maxwell

September 17, 1936 - December 29, 2011

Wilbur Gerald Maxwell, 75, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, at Wind River Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Riverton, where he had been a resident since July 2010.

He was born Sept. 17, 1936, in Fort Collins, Colo., the son of Peter and Leona (Salazar) Maxwell. He attended school in Casper. In 1952, at the age of 16, he entered the U.S. Army, serving two tours in Korea, then was discharged in 1958.

Wilbur worked in the oil fields, mines and road construction in the Casper area. Due to injuries received during the Korean War, he took early retirement and moved to Thermopolis in 1985, where he was cared for by his sister, Marie Ann Jones.

A member of St. Francis Catholic Church, he also was a member of VFW, Disabled War Veterans, Lions Club and was Lion of the Year for 1996-97.

In May of 1999, he married Patricia Hearst in Thermopolis. She died in 2005.

Survivors include Wilbur's sister, Wanda Winn of Las Vegas, Nev.; and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife; brothers, Benny and Victor Maxwell; and sister, Marie Jones.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, Jan. 3 at St. Francis Church in Thermopolis with Celebrant Father Hugo L. Blotsky. Burial was held at the Riverton Veteran's Cemetery. A Parish Vigil was held Monday, Jan. 2 at St. Francis Church.

A Wilbur Maxwell Memorial has been established at St. Francis, P.O. Box 272, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

Mortimore Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

