



Samuel Clark Shelton

April 25, 1926 - January 21, 2012

Samuel Clark Shelton, 85, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis following a long illness.

Born April 25, 1926, in Monroe, La., he was the only child of Samuel S. and Hazel (Clark) Shelton. The family moved to Wyoming and Sam graduated from Hot Springs County High School in Thermopolis in 1945 and entered the U.S. Navy in September. He attended Gonzaga University during that time.

Following his discharge in 1947, Sam moved to Thermopolis and at the age of 22 became foreman for Morris-Knutson in the construction of Boysen Dam.

Continuing in construction, he worked throughout the western states building airstrips. Returning to Thermopolis in 1967, he was employed by Reda Pump until retirement in 1988.

On Feb. 12, 1968, he married Dorothy M. Helbert in Las Vegas, Nev.

Sam was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Having a green thumb, he was known as the "Clematis King."

He had 25 various clematis growing in the yard as well as houseplants. He dabbled in creating silver and gold jewelry, oil painting, woodworking and sculpting.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years of Thermopolis; stepsons, Thomas, Timothy and Theodore Lye and Mike Rowse; stepdaughter, Kim McDonald; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has taken place. At Sam's request, no services will be held.

Mortimore Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, c/o Hot Springs County Senior Citizen Center, 206 Senior Ave., Thermopolis, WY 82443.

