

**JERRY D CHALFANT**  
1949-1971

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Jerry Dee Chalfant, 22, of Ten Sleep died Saturday in a motorcycle accident near Meadowlark Lake. He was born Apr. 6, 1949, in Council, Ida., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene D. Chalfant. His father preceeded him in death.

He attended schools in Idaho, Montana, Colorado and Wyoming before graduating from Ten Sleep High School. He served two years in the U.S. Army and then was employed by the Soil Conservation Service.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Margaret Chalfant, of Ten Sleep; brothers, Richard and Kevin of Ten Sleep; sisters, Mrs. Russ Gehlert of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Debbie and Constance of Ten Sleep; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Susan Paradis of Council, Ida.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Velle Chapel, Worland, with the Rev. William Duay of Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow in the Ten Sleep Cemetery under the direction of Velle Mortuary.

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1967 Ten Sleep High School Year Book  
and personal conversation with Cynthia C Patras 11/26/12

Jerry D Chalfant was born the first child of Eugene(Gene) and Margaret Chalfant in Council, ID April 4, 1949. He was the first of seven

children: Jerry, Linda, Cynthia, Debbie, Richard, Connie and Kevin Chalfant. The family moved often during Jerry's school days from McCall, ID to Roy, MT, to Rye, CO. and Baggs, WY hence to Ten Sleep, WY when Jerry was a sophomore in High School. In 1966, Gene Chalfant passed away and Jerry worried about how they would provide. However, he finished High School in 1967 and graduated from Ten Sleep High School. He was manager for the basketball team, , two years in FFA and 1 year in District FFA; basketball for 2 years, track for three, cross-country 1 year and T-Club 1 year, Science Club his senior year, participated in the class plays and was on the paper staff and the annual staff. After high school when the Vietnam War was in full swing, he joined the U.S. Army, Wyo, SP4. Following his military service, he worked for the U.S. Soil Conservation in Worland, WY. On July 3, 1971, he was riding a motor cycle (as a passenger) in the Big Horn mountains and met with an accident in the vicinity of Meadowlark Lake above Ten Sleep and was killed.

*Memories: Jerry Chalfant was an amazing young man participating in all school activities, loyal to his friends, eager to do the 'right' thing and was missed greatly by one friend in particular, Bob Wood (presently of North Salt Lake). fb*