

Alvin Boake Clairmont. Obituary, Northern Wyoming Daily News, Worland, Wyoming, April 9, 2003, page 2.

TEN SLEEP --- Funeral services for Alvin Boake Clairmont, 69, will be held Friday, April 11 at 11 a.m. at Ten Sleep Methodist Church with Rev. Chuck Cooper officiating.

The casket will be open at the church on Friday from 9-10:45 a.m.

Burial will follow at Ten Sleep Cemetery with Pastor Sue Carey conducting the graveside service.

Al died Monday, April 7, 2003 at his home south of Ten Sleep.

Al was born Feb. 15, 1934 in Grand Rapids, Minn. to Albert Joseph and Pearl (Williams) Clairmont. He spent his early years in the north woods of Minnesota, then traveled with his family to Meeteetse in 1942. He attended schools in Meeteetse, Minnesota and Newcastle where he graduated from high school in 1952.

He married Betty Lou Morris in Newcastle in 1952. They were later divorced.

He went to work for Sioux Oil Co. after graduation. In 1955, he moved to Anacortes, Wash. to work for Shell Oil Co. as a steamfitter and maintenance man for 10 years.

Al lived in the Anacortes and Mt. Vernon, Wash. area for a number of years. He attended Skagit Valley College in Mt. Vernon and graduated in 1970 from Western Washington State College in Bellingham, Wash. with a BA degree in mathematics. He worked his way through college by being a cabinet maker and a ski instructor.

His love of mountain climbing led him to become a teacher at Skagit Valley College where he developed the curriculum for a park ranger technology program and also was an instructor at the college in carpentry, industrial safety, skiing and in the mathematics department.

Al went to work for the B.J. Hughes Service Equipment Co. in Long Beach, Calif. in 1974 where he was the safety director for the entire company. He returned to Skagit Valley College in 1977 where he was the director of plant operations, supervising all maintenance and construction on the college grounds for several years.

On June 23, 1977, he married Laurel Nancy Berg Pruiett in Conway, Wash. They moved to Ten Sleep in 1982 where he had been self employed as a cabinet maker. In 1985, Al went to work for the Girl Scouts National Center West as the maintenance supervisor and in 1988 was named the site manager. In 1991, after the closing of the GSNCW, he became the maintenance supervisor and carpenter for the Wyoming Boys School in Worland. He retired in 1996 but continued to work in his home woodshop where he built cabinets and did wood turning commercially.

His hobby had been mountaineering. He had been active in the Skagit Mountain Rescue and helped to develop the use of helicopters in mountain rescues. He also liked to hunt, fish, work with his horses, and to make leathercraft projects.

He was a devout Christian.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Marsha Clairmont

and Marisa Lynn Detillion.

Al is survived by his wife, Laurel Clairmont of Ten Sleep; one daughter, Melaine Kay Clairmont of Stanwick, Wash.; one sister, Jacqueline Shoemaker of Marietta Hot Springs, Calif.; and four grandchildren, Mariah, Mason and twins Jalene and Jennifer.

Memorials may be made in Al's name to the Christian Children's Fund, P.O. Box 26507, Richmond, Va., 23261.

Veile Mortuary in Worland is in charge of arrangements.