

## **PHILLIP EGBERT**

1963-1980

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Philip Egbert was the only son of Larry A. Egbert and his wife Nettie Woods born in 1963 and was schooled at least partially in the Ten Sleep school system. He was the grandson of Brooks and Eula Waln Egbert, long time residents of the Ten Sleep—Spring Creek area. He was killed in his senior year when a group of youth gathered to celebrate the end of the school year—his death was left as accidental. (This is a recollection so if someone has a real copy of his obituary or a news clipping of the event, it would be much better.) He was survived by his parents and three sisters: Barbara Hughes, Sandra Richard and Janet Egbert.

*Memories: I undertook this because I knew his father Larry in T.S. high school and he was a wonderful, virtuous young man and I couldn't look at his son's early demise without feeling sorrow for them. Fvb*

## Phillip Henry Egbert

Phillip Henry Egbert, 16, of Ten Sleep, died May 14 southeast of Ten Sleep.

He was born Dec. 12, 1963 at Galion, Ohio the son of Larry and Nettie Woods Egbert. He was raised in Ten Sleep and was a sophomore at Ten Sleep High School. He was a member of the football and basketball team.

He is survived by his parents; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Eula Egbert of Ten Sleep; maternal grandparents, Mrs. and Mrs. Henry Woods of Lewistown, Mont.; two sisters, Barbara and Sandra J. Egbert.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Ten Sleep with the Rev. John Pugh officiating. Burial will be in Ten Sleep Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Ten Sleep High School athletic department in care of either Worland bank.

Veile Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

# Ten Sleep boy dies in fall

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A 16-year-old Ten Sleep boy died from exposure on the eve of his summer vacation after apparently falling 125 feet from a cliff. Foul play has been ruled out following a day long investigation.

Phillip Henry Egbert, son of Larry and Nettie Egbert of Ten Sleep was found Thursday morning by his father in Otter

Creek about a quarter mile upstream from corrals near where the creek crosses Spring Creek Road.

Washakie County law enforcement officials speculate the youth may have been at a beer party near the site where he fell.

Washakie County Sheriff Tim Upton said an individual in the area told authorities there was heavy traffic on Spring Creek

Road Wednesday night.

Authorities said what appear to be the boy's tracks were found at the top of the steep hill. Upton said authorities followed footprints in soft dirt to a ledge where it appears the boy lost his footing and fell. A dirt road leaves the creek bottom after crossing the creek at the corrals and goes steeply up and along the north rim of the canyon above the stream.

The boy apparently fell down the steep, rough canyon wall, hitting the wall several times. Authorities said it appears he was thrown 25 feet into a ravine after impact.

There were signs at the site that the boy had crawled about 10 feet to an embankment and then fell another 10 feet over the embankment.

His pocket knife and imprint  
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of his pant leg were found several feet from where he was found lying on his back in the creek. Authorities said he might have crawled as far as 70 feet to the creek.

County Coroner Dave Veile said the official cause of death was exposure from being in the cold water of the creek. An autopsy was performed by Dr. Lee K. Hermann, a pathologist from Cody.

Physical injuries included a broken shoulder and a frac-

tured spine. The injury to the spine could have paralyzed his legs, forcing him to crawl instead of walk.

Tests are being conducted for chemicals in the body. Veile said there is no way of estimating the time of death because he was in the cold water.

Authorities were continuing their investigation into his death late Thursday, trying to pinpoint when the accident might have occurred.