

MERLE M (MARVIN) FUNK

1926-2001

Merle M Funk was born January 28 1926 in Luana, Iowa to Welmer (Wilmer?) Funk and Laura Possehi. He served in the Pacific Theater during WWII. After he returned from his military service he married his childhood sweetheart, Darlene DeSotel and they made their home in Monona, IA. The couple had three children: Matthew, Mark and Meredith (two sons and a daughter). In 1964 they moved to Buffalo, WY where they lived for three years and then moved to Ten Sleep, Wyoming where they lived until 1997 when they moved into the Worland Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in Worland. Merle passed away on November 25, 2001.

P.S. Merle's wife, Darlene Funk, is buried in the Ten Sleep Cemetery, too, although she spent her remaining years in the Annie Holt Care Center in Buffalo, WY. She died in 2012.

Merle M. Funk

TEN SLEEP — Memorial services for former Ten Sleep resident Merle M. Funk, 75, will be Saturday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. at the Bethany Fellowship Open Bible Church at 160 Pleasant View Drive in Worland.

His cremains will be taken up into the Big Horn Mountains in the spring by his family to a spot

that Merle requested.

Merle died Sunday, November 25, 2001 at the Washakie Medical Center in Worland.

Merle was born on the family farm near Luana, Iowa on Jan. 28, 1926 to Welmer and Laura Funk. He met his wife, Darlene Mae DeSotel, in the first grade at the Luana School where they both graduated in 1944.

Returning from the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater and Hawaiian Islands after WWII, he and Darlene were married June 10, 1946. They moved to Buffalo in 1964 and to Ten Sleep in 1967.

Merle was an accomplished carpenter and built many houses in the Monona-Luana area with his father-in-law and brother-in-law, Emil and Wayne DeSotel.

Merle published western novels in his lifetime. He also worked as a postmaster, logger, guide and cowboy until he was disabled by multiple sclerosis.

He especially enjoyed deer and elk hunting and the Big Horn Mountains. Merle's children and grandchildren inherited his love for horses.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Merle is survived by his wife Darlene of Worland; two sisters, Loretta Nelson and husband of Buffalo and Shirley Thein and husband of Monona, Iowa; one brother, Ron Funk and wife of Buffalo; two sons, Mark of Ten Sleep and Matthew of Thermopolis; one daughter, Merideth Sears and husband of Edgerton; and four grandsons.

Memorials may be made to the

