

Donald Ahrenholtz, 72

Feb. 12, 1931 - Aug. 2, 2003

LARAMIE, WY – Donald Ray Ahrenholtz was born Feb. 12, 1931, in Manilla, son of Arthur and Myrtle Cox Ahrenholtz, the third of four children. He grew up in Manilla, graduating from Manilla High School in 1950. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged.

In November of 1951, he married Juanita Bengford in Odebolt. He worked for Rasmussen Lumber Company in Manilla until they moved to Fort Collins, CO in 1953, he attended Colorado A&M, now CSU. During their years in Fort Collins, they had their family of 13 children. Juanita preceded him in death in 1993. Don worked as a masonry contractor in the Colorado and Wyoming area. In 1978, he relocated his business to Laramie, WY. He was a mentor to his sons, and all have followed him into the construction industry.

Sept. 21, 1996, he married Charlotte Parman, who cared for him until his death. He was active in the Knights of Columbus and Catholic church. He died Aug. 2, 2003, at his home surrounded by his family after a long battle with lung cancer at age 72.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Juanita; his sister, Doris Klein; and granddaughter, Kristen Ahrenholtz. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, of Laramie, WY; sister, Eunice Mansfield (Lyle) of Maxwell; sister, Joanne Meyer (Art) of Atlantic; daughter, Marg Alles (Steve) of Fort Collins, CO; son, Joe (Vicki) of Laramie, WY; daughter, Paula Crespin (Mike) of Johnstown, CO; Theresa Schlegel (Harry) of Laramie, WY; son, Paul (Edmee) of Cheyenne, WY; son, Michael (Dolly) of Modesto, CA; son, Jim (Karolyn) of Jamestown, CA; daughter, Donna Ahrenholtz of Thornton, CO; son, Mark (Ginny) of Modesto, CA; daughter, Janelle Ahrenholtz of Laramie, WY; son, John (Pam) of Laramie, WY; son, Frank of Laramie, WY; daughter, Tricia Oppie (Steve) of Laramie, WY; 35 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 8, 2003, at St. Laurence Church in Laramie, WY, with Father Ray Moss celebrant. Burial was in the Green Hill Cemetery.