



Chester S. Jones passed away peacefully on November 20, 2010, at Elsie's Assisted Living in Belgrade, MT. He was born to Harold and Ida Jones on December 11, 1920, in Upton, WY and lived his life in Weston County.

Chester grew up attending school in Upton, excelling in sports and working in the family lumber and hardware business. He explored eastern Wyoming and western South Dakota with his brother Vance and never tired of hunting whitetail deer or catching trout.

At the University of Wyoming he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the track team and earned a BA degree before entering the U.S. Army Signal Corps. After completing courses in cryptology at

fifteen different Signal Corps training schools he was dispatched to the South Pacific Theatre and was part of a unit that untangled Japanese codes before the battle of Midway.

In 1942 he married his childhood sweetheart, Maurine Braley, of Upton and in 1952 they moved from Upton to Newcastle where they raised four children.

Chester completed his law degree in 1947 and joined E. E. Wakeman in the practice of law in Newcastle. He served as Weston County Attorney and later as Upton city attorney. A long and cherished friendship and partnership began in 1952 when he and Richard Dumbrill opened their law practice on Main Street in Newcastle. He was recognized for 50 years of distinguished service in the Wyoming State Bar in 1997. After his retirement in 1980 Chester and Maurine spent winters in Yuma, AZ where they hosted many visits from family and friends from Newcastle. Chester was a member of the Wyoming Bar Association for 63 years, the University of Wyoming Alumni Association, the Newcastle Lions Club, the Newcastle Forum Club and belonged to the Newcastle and Yuma Country Clubs.

Chester is survived by his daughter Sue (Gary) Huls of Bozeman, MT and son-in-law Bruce (Jenny) Arfmann of Arvada, CO. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Dale (Gail) Huls and Darren Huls of Bozeman, MT and Tracy (Dan) Gramer, Redmond, WA; Brian Arfmann, Arvada, CO; and Kelly (Abraham) Fechter, Cameron Park, CA, along with four great-grandchildren; Shelby and Jordan Gramer and Sela and Kira Huls. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and brother, his wife Maurine, sons Kenneth and Keith and daughter Elaine.

A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Newcastle at 1:30 pm, December 1, 2010. Condolences may be sent to the family at PO Box 965, Newcastle, WY.

Memorial gifts may be to the Newcastle Lions Club or a charity of choice.