

Albert F. Burkhard

October 8, 1911 — November 10, 2002

Albert F. Burkhard of Hotchkiss, Colorado, died of natural causes on November 10, 2002, at Paonia Care & Rehab. He was 91 years of age.

Albert was born October 8, 1911, to George and Elizabeth (Smith) Burkhard in Lincoln, Nebraska. He spent his childhood in Lazear, Delta and Grand Junction. In 1929, Albert married Bernice Edmondson in Taos, New Mexico. She preceded him in death on March 19, 1956, near Durango.

On January 18, 1958, Albert married Veronica Ward in Paonia, Colorado. She preceded him in death on June 11, 1985, in Delta, Colorado.

Albert worked in construction as a contractor. He had been a resident of Hotchkiss since 1946. He was a member of the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Hotchkiss and a charter member of the Hotchkiss Elks Club #1807. His special interests included playing cards (especially poker), fishing and he loved to hunt.

Albert's survivors include daughters, Dolores L. (James) Scully of Tucson, Arizona, and Patricia (Robert) Scheierman of Arvada, Colorado; brother, Brother Leo Burkhard of Denver, Colorado; sister, Martha (Ralph) Loudenburg of Nederland, Colorado; cousins, Duane Smith, Shirley Smith, Mark Smith, all of Hotchkiss, and Leo Smith of Lazear; four grandchildren; and seven and a half great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, four brothers, and his two wives.

Rosary at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2002 at Taylor Funeral Service Chapel in Hotchkiss. Visitation from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13th, at the chapel. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2002, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Paonia, with Father Mark Bettinger officiating. Burial at Riverside Cemetery in Hotchkiss.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, PO Box 988, Paonia, Colorado 81428.