

Garland Robert Peel 1916 - 2000

City of Cheyenne, County of Laramie, State of Wyoming

Garland Robert "Bud" Peel, 84, of Cheyenne, died June 7, 2000 at his home. He was born June 5, 1916, in Sheridan, Wyoming to Robert Edgar Layton Peel and Emma Vienna Garland Peel. He graduated from high school in Sheridan and is a 1940 graduate of the University of Wyoming with a degree in electrical engineering. He married Norma June Healey on Sept. 14, 1940, in Cheyenne.

He started with Cheyenne Light Fuel & Power Company in 1940 as a helper in the old steam electric generating plant. In 1941, he was transferred to engineering in the electric distribution department. During World War II, he served two years as a lieutenant with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific. After the war, he returned to the power company and in 1957, was promoted to division superintendent at Sterling, Colo., for the Public Service Company of Colorado. He returned to Cheyenne in 1960 as superintendent. In 1966, he was transferred to Denver as superintendent of overhead and underground lines for PSCo. He returned to Cheyenne in May 1976 as operations manager. He also was a member of the company's board of directors. Mr. Peel retired July 1, 1981, after 41 years with the company.

He had been a member of the Cheyenne Engineers Club, Wyoming Engineering Society, Wyoming Society of Professional Engineers, Cheyenne Kiwanis, Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce, Wyoming Utility Engineering Committee, Rocky Mountain Electric League, Wyoming Association of Natural Gas Utilities, the Wyoming Army National Guard's 115th Cavalry Troop B of Sheridan, the U.S. Naval Reserve in Cheyenne and Knights of Columbus Council 801. He had been a member of Cheyenne's City Band in the 1940s and 1950s and led a group called Buddy Peel & the Wyomians in the 1930s while at the University of Wyoming.

Mr. Peel is survived by his wife, Norma June Peel of Cheyenne; six sons, G. Robert Peel Jr., Michael Francis Peel and Christopher John Peel, all of Cheyenne, Daniel Edgar Peel of Fort Collins, Colo., James Joseph Peel of Arvada, Colo., and David Brian Peel of Laramie; seven daughters, Joan Mary Mayden and Alice Margaret Hill, both of Cheyenne, Emma Louise Dunn of Seattle, Wash., Kathryn Anne Schelby of Atwater, Calif., Barbara Jean Powell of Laramie, Cecelia Irene Clark of Bailey, Colo., and Marian Lenore Hertel of Sherwood, Ore.; one sister, Bernadine Anne Peel Janeaux of Casper; 29 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Edgar and Emma Vienna Peel; his grandparents, James Charles and Elizabeth Garland, and William W. and Nettie (Wilcox) DeCamp; two brothers, Gerald Peel and James Peel; and one sister, Evelyn Peel Smith.

Vigil for the Deceased will be said at 4 p.m. Friday at St. Mary's Cathedral. Funeral Liturgy will be at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Cathedral. Interment will be in Olivet Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Mr. Peel's sons: G. Robert Peel Jr., Daniel Peel, James Peel, Michael Peel, Christopher Peel and Brian Peel. Honorary pallbearers will be Mr. Peel's nieces and nephews: Gerald Peel Jr., Thomas Peel, Deborah Williams, Ronald Smith, Dennis Smith, Marilyn Fleig, Craig Smith, Patricia Moore and Michael Janeaux. Arrangements are under direction of Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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