

### **Bill Covey** *Industrial Worker*

RIPLEY – E.E. Bill Covey, 68, of Ripley, died Thursday, October 27, 2005 from heart failure following stomach surgery.



He was born May 2, 1937 in Cheyenne, WY and raised in Wheatland, a son of the late George and Elnor Covey.

During his long and varied career, he was a professional barber and hair stylist. He was a rodeo rider and a fast-draw champion. He was a master chef in several locations. As a contractor who built homes in South Carolina, Wyoming, Arizona and West Virginia, he worked all phases of construction.

Bill was a paramedic in Smoot and supervisor in Search and Rescue on Cody, WY. He served as a hunter safety instructor in both Wyoming and West Virginia. He was the manager of Burger Chef and Ponderosa and a district manager of Wendy's. His working days ended after an industrial accident while working for a logging company in Smoot.

Bill volunteered with the Rhea House and Teens Against Drugs. He was a navy veteran who served as a pistol instructor in Paris Island. He was a long-standing member of the West Ripley Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife of four years, Rose, of Ripley; brother Norman of Salt Lake City, UT; son Steven and his wife Terry of Ripley; daughter Sis and her husband Ben of Ripley and daughter Tammy of Ripley; granddaughters Melodi and Leah; grandsons Joseph and Josh and three great-grandsons.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by former wives Nadine of Wyoming and Patty of Ripley and son B.J. Covey of Wyoming.

Services were held Monday, October 31, 2005 at Vail Funeral Home, Ripley, with Evangelist James B. Rank officiating. Burial followed at Fairplain Cemetery with Military Rites by American Legion Post #107.