

Ralph I. Snyder

TEN SLEEP - Ralph I. Snyder, 36, died March 29 in Ten Sleep. He was born Jan. 10, 1959, the son of Henry L. "Hank" and Anella R. (Currence) Snyder. He was never married.

He lived in Worland until 1965, when the family moved to Casper. He attended school in Casper and graduated in Special Education from Natrona County High School in 1978. He then attended Cheyenne Vocational Education School until 1980. He moved to Thermopolis and was employed by Big Horn Enterprises and by the First National Bank in Thermopolis. In 1982 he moved to Ten Sleep, where he worked with his family at the Circle S Motel and Gas Station. He had participated in Special Olympics from 1972 to 1992 and had won gold, silver and bronze medals.

He appeared on the television program "The Fishing hole" with Jerry McGinnis. He gave speeches for Athletes for Outreach. He was an active Boy Scout in Casper, Cheyenne and Ten Sleep. He served on the Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities since 1989 and was on his second term.

He was recently appointed to serve on the Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights Committee and would have attended the NAPAS meeting in Washington, D.C. this May.

He was a speaker several times at the state Future Farmers of America Leadership Camp, where his brother, Dr. Al Snyder, was the director.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, and making stained glass articles. He made and presented former Governor Mike Sullivan with the handicapped symbol made from stained glass.

He was a member of the Mountain View Chapel in Ten Sleep.

He is survived by his parents of Ten Sleep; maternal grandmother, Hester Dowler, of Casper; paternal grandmother, Muriel Snyder, of Ten Sleep; two brothers, Dr. Alvin Snyder, of Eau Claire, Wis., and Daniel H. Snyder, of Ten Sleep; a sister, Grace L. Nelson, of Casper, and a half-sister, Cheryl Bjornsrud, of Phoenix, Ariz.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 3 at the Ten Sleep Methodist Church, with Pastor Shannon Martin of Mountain View Chapel officiating. Burial will be in

the Ten Sleep Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Mountain View Chapel in Ten Sleep, Special Olympics, or the Wyoming FFA Leadership Camp.

Veile Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.