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## Ralph S. Witters

DENVER -- A memorial service for former Wyoming resident, Ralph S. Witters, 92, is planned for early October.

He died on Sept. 16, 2008, in Denver.

He was born on Sept. 15, 1916, in Sidney, Neb., to Newton and Alma Witters. He was raised in Sidney where he was an outstanding student and athlete. He later graduated from Kearney State Teachers College and took his first teaching job in Powell, Wyoming.

He was commissioned as a naval officer in 1943, and served in the South Pacific until the end of WWII.

Immediately after the war he obtained his master's degree from the University of Wyoming and moved to Thermoplis with his young family where he accepted the position of elementary and junior high school principal.

He proudly served the community and school system in that capacity until he retired in 1979.

He was much admired during his long tenure.

The elementary school in Thermopolis was named in his honor.

His favorite hobby was golf, a sport that he loved and excelled in. He will be remembered by his friends, family and former students as a dignified, soft spoken, kindly man.

He always held to the simple philosophy that 'people are more important than things'.

He was a long time member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

After college, Ralph married his high school sweetheart, Evelyn Virginia Larson.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Virginia.

He is survived by his children and their spouses, Sam Witters of Portland, Ore., Vicki Moseng, of Denver; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Those wanting to make donations in his memory may wish to consider the Hot Springs County Education Endowment Foundation, PO Box 1297, Thermopolis, WY 82443