

6-25-1985 BEN D. COSSMAN

Services for Ben D. Cossman, 92, who died June 25 in Wheatland, were held June 28 at 10 a.m. in the United Methodist Church with Rev. Virgil Lamm officiating.

Cossman was born May 22, 1893 near St. John, Kans., to Ben D. Cossman and Cynthia Ellen Layton Cossman.

He completed his education in the St. John public schools where he later taught and coached high school athletics. In 1914 Ben married Doyne Elizabeth Durham. One son, Vaughn, was born to this union before Doyne died in 1918.

In 1921, he married Gertrude Misner. The family moved to the Wheatland area in 1926 and ranched on the Laramie River for several years and later on Sybille Creek until 1950, when he retired and moved to Wheatland.

Over the years Ben was interested and active in local affairs. He served as Platte Co. Commissioner from 1935 to 1939, as a representative in the

1943 state legislature, on the selective service board from 1940 to 1951, as trustee for the William Irvine Home from 1946 to 1974, as state land commissioner from 1955 to 1959, and as director of the Stockgrowers Bank of Wheatland from 1948 to 1964.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Preceding him in death besides his wives were two brothers, one sister and one grandson. Survivors include his son Vaughn of Wheatland, two grandsons, one granddaughter and one great-grandson.

A memorial in his name has been established to the Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department.

Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Willard Baker, Jack McGuire, Fred McGuire, Eldon Allison, Auldon Vogt and Luke Corl. Honorary pallbearers were Ed Foreman, Bob Straw and Lowell Clark.

Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.