

8-14-1987 Vaughn Stanly Cossman

Funeral services for Vaughn Stanly Cossman, 76 were Tuesday, August 18 at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland with Reverend Linda Barnes officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery. Mr. Cossman died after a lengthy illness, Friday August 14 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

He was born July 3, 1916 in St. John, Kansas, to Bernard David Cossman and Gertrude May (Misner) Cossman. At the age of six he moved with his family to Wheatland. He received his education in the Wheatland schools and graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in Civil Engineering. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II in the Air Transport Command. He married Maxine McGuire of Wheatland on June 24, 1949. He ranched in the Wheatland area until 1954 when he moved his family to Florida and spent three years working as an estimator and engineer for a contractor there. In 1958, he began his career with the Federal Highway Administration. He retired 1978 and made his home in Wheatland for the past eight years.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine of Wheatland; three children, Bernard "Ben" Cossman of Wheatland, Vera Hedrick of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Stanley Cossman of Virginia Beach, Va; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son. Serving as pallbearers were Joe Bookout, Jack Wallis, Eldon Allison, Ed Kendig, Jim Dunham, and Francis McGuire.

A memorial to the Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department would be appreciated by the family.