

LEAPER, MARLIN EDWARD

July 27, 1918-June 25, 1931

Seldom has a greater shock been known here than caused by the accidental shooting of little Marlin Leaper, which occurred at his home in Antelope Gap last Thursday about noon. Marlin was outside the house with a 22 calibre rifle and no one was with him at the time so that just how the accident happened will never be known. His father heard the shot and the boy fall and rushed out to take him into the house, but death had been almost instantaneous, the bullet having entered almost at the center of the forehead. Marlin was born July 27th, 1918, and was a bright lovable child, being especially attentive to elderly people. Funeral services were conducted at the Christian church at two o'clock Sunday afternoon with Rev. Cecil Smith in charge, burial was made in the Wheatland cemetery with Lyla Watson Home Mortuary in charge of all arrangements. The large crowd and lovely floral offerings attested to the love accorded to the child, whose body was borne from the hearse to the grave by boy friends near his own age. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Leaper, a sister, Myrtle, his grandfather, William McElhane of Henry, Nebraska, his great grandmother, Mrs. J.R. McElhane and numerous other relatives besides a host of friends.