

PEEK, HERBERT CHARLES
May 23 1896-August 14, 1976

H. Charles Peek, 80, died Saturday afternoon, August 14, 1976, at his Wheatland home. He had been hospitalized several times during the summer but prior to that was quite active. Final rites were held at 11 Tuesday morning at the United Church of Christ, with the Rev. Elliott Graves officiating and Schrader-Prell in charge of arrangements. Internment was at the Wheatland cemetery and pallbearers were Herbert Pease, David Pease, Richard Bowen, Ray Lamborn, Zack Phifer and Don Sherard.

Born May 23, 1896 at the farm home of his pioneer parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Peek near Ellendale in Dickey County, N.D., Charles graduated from high school before joining the navy in July, 1917. He received his honorable discharge in October, 1919. He attended North Dakota State University for two years and on September 24, 1921 married Olive M. Sullivan, who survives him. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and an infant son, born in 1922.

Mr. and Mrs. Peek farmed for 14 years prior to their move in 1936 to Wheatland, where Charles owned and operated a hardware store.

During his 40 years in Wheatland, Mr. Peek led a useful and interesting life. Exceptionally patriotic, he was a fine citizen, good neighbor, outgoing friend to young and old and a zealous sportsman. He will be remembered for his love of the nearby hills and his talent for helping others to enjoy the out-of-doors. Fortunate are those who were young when Charles saddled their horses or showed them where fish might be found. Children's ponds constructed of carefully placed stones brought happiness to young anglers who still vividly recall the hours with their special friend.

Mr. Peek was a member of the Wheatland Lodge No. 16 A.F. and A.M and was past president of the Wheatland Lions Club and the American Legion and a former Platte County Commissioner.