

Robert Lawrence Pickerill

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Funeral services for Robert Lawrence Pickerill, 85, were held Thursday, Dec. 13 at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Andy Gudahl, minister, officiating. Interment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Pickerill died Friday, Dec. 7, at his home west of Wheatland from a sudden illness.

He was born Aug. 21, 1905 in Redington, Neb., the son of William G. and Maggie M. (Phillips) Pickerill. He homesteaded in Palmer Canyon west of Wheatland with his parents.

He served in the Army during World War II, serving in France. He was discharged in October, 1945. He logged in Palmer Canyon and helped construct the new Palmer Canyon Road when the old road washed out.

He also ranched, retiring in 1968. He lived the majority of his life in the mountains and Palmer Canyon, where he thought life was the best. He never married, but he took care of his mother until her death in 1962.

He was a hard-working man who enjoyed life to its fullest extent.

He is survived by his two sisters, Mary Irene Gillman of Loomis, Calif., and Mona Vera Gedra of Cheyenne. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and one sister.

Serving as pallbearers were Orin Martin, Robin Roberts, Don Locke, Oscar Pickerill, Levon Cochran and Denzil Cochran.

A memorial to the Wheatland Senior Citizens Center would be equally appreciated by the family.

The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.