

O. S. "Vet" Preuit Services Wednesday



O. S. Preuit

O. S. Preuit (Vet) was born in York County, Nebraska, June 19, 1886, son of Mary Louise Carpenter Preuit and William Preuit. In that same area of Nebraska, he spent his youth and as a young man married Lena Drier, June 6, 1908. Vet and Lena later homesteaded near Mitchell, Nebraska, where they developed the land for farming, and raised livestock, as well. Following several years at the Mitchell location, they purchased the farm on the Wheatland Flats, Southwest of Wheatland, to which they moved in 1920. Here they farmed, raised and fed livestock until 1961, at which time they retired to their home in the town of Wheatland. In 1973 they moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado. Lena passed away there in July of 1974, and Vet passed away in the same place January 1, 1977.

Mr. Preuit believed agricultural life as the best way of life, and believed in agriculture as a business, constantly endeavoring to improve the status of agriculture. Both Vet and Lena were leaders in rural social life and business activities. Mr. Preuit's early efforts helped establish the Wheatland Drainage District; The Wheatland Cooperative Association; the local County and State Farm Bureau organizations, in all of which he held responsible positions. He became the first representative of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Insurance Company in Platte County, and acted thus for many years. He promoted Group Health and Medical Insurance for rural people.

the original incorporators of the Wheatland REA, was elected the first Chairman of the Board of Directors, serving in this position until 1952. In recognition of his efforts, the REA Preuit Sub-Station was so named.

As Dad, Grandad, Uncle Vet or friend Vet, he was a well-loved, respected and a valuable member of his community.

Survivors include a son, Carl W. Preuit, Wheatland; Mrs. C. H. (Evelyn) Walter, Wheatland; Mrs. Robert (Wilma) Pixler, Leadville, Colorado; Mrs. Leland (Dona) Settell, Belfry, Montana. One daughter, Gladys Davis, preceded him in death. Brothers and sisters surviving are Elmer Preuit, Marshall, Missouri; Edward Preuit, Wheatland; Mae Davis, Casper; and Lola Gray, Wheatland. Four brothers preceded him in death. Survivors include 21 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 5, 1977, at 2:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church, Wheatland, Wyoming, Reverend Dan Barcus presiding. Burial was beside Lena in the Wheatland Cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons Gary Davis; Gene Davis; Jerry Davis; Sidney Davis; Randy Davis; Leo Preuit, John Davis and Mike Davis. Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.