

Marian E. Probst

November 18, 1920 – June 12, 2009

Marian E. Probst, 88 died Friday, June 12, 2009, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland. He was born on November 18, 1920, to Fred and Gladys (Donaldson) Probst in a farmhouse outside of Bingham, Illinois. Marian's schooling was completed through the 11th grade when he started working the family farm full-time. At an early age, he was trained by his father as a farmer and carpenter.

Marian married Edna Revis on July 4, 1941. He hoped that by choosing a holiday for their wedding date he would never forget the anniversary. In all of the 67 years, he never forgot. Marian and Edna lived in Illinois until 1957 when they moved to Colorado. For many years he worked in the concrete business, until he started his own business, ProBest Custom Homes. He was forced to retire in 1977 due to lung damage from sawdust. Marian's mornings found him at the local coffee shop where his quick wit and gift of gab endeared him to many patrons. During this time, Marian and Edna became involved with the Flying X Ranch outside of Wheatland, Wyoming. They enjoyed fishing, horseback riding and the "country environment" so much that in 1985 they moved to Wheatland. Marian's morning ritual continued at the local coffee shop where he gained many friends.

Along with hunting, fishing and becoming a snowbird, Marian's skill as a woodworker was expanded in the art of grandfather clocks. He found a love in making clocks (26), and many other wood items for family and friends. His carpentry skills were also used in refurbishing a pony cart for the Flying X. He enjoyed listening to the laughter of the children as they would go for rides. He also made many items for the Wheatland Bible Church where he was an active attendee.

As time began to grow on Marian, the dune buggy had to be retired, the boat sat longer in the garage, the hand was not as steady as it was and with the eyesight failing, he turned more to visiting with family and friends. Marian acquired an ice cream machine which became the central point of summertime visits with the Probsts. Many a friend sat in the garage late into the evening, and as Marian would put it "just to visit". He was a man who enjoyed helping others, leaving a small part of himself with everyone he met.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Edna; son Stan and wife, Kim; adopted daughter, Becky Hepker and husband, Keith; six grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Murrel and Lawrence; a sister, Eileen; and oldest son, Wayne. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched.