

Cleon A. Rinker

6-3-1991

Funeral services for Cleon A. Rinker, 91, were held Thursday, June 6, at 11 a.m. at the Platte Funeral Chapel in Wheatland, with Andy Gudahl, minister of the First Christian Church officiating. Interment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery, with the IOOF conducting graveside rites.

Mr. Rinker died Monday, June 3 at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

He was born in Daleville, Ind., the son of Eli and Lilly Rinker. He moved to Wyoming as a young boy with his parents. He returned to Indiana where he was married to Minnie May Denton on Dec. 19, 1936, in Paoli, Ind. They returned to Wheatland in 1937 and remained living here until he moved to Casper in 1987. In the summer he baled hay and in the winter he worked as a plumber.

He made toys as a hobby and enjoyed doing woodwork.

He was a member of the First Christian Church and the International Order of Odd Fellows, in which he held every office. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by two daughters, Lilly Dale of Wheatland and Mildred Hansell of Denver, Colo., and a son, Charles Melvin Rinker of Shreveport, La. Also surviving are a daughter-in-law, Dee Rinker of Shreveport, La., a son-in-law, Curt Hansell of Denver, Colo., eight grandchildren, Marvin, Yvonne and Gale of Indiana, Julia and Janet of Denver, David of Arizona, Rodney of Wheatland and Vicki of Washington, nine great-grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and four brothers, Morris, John, Frank and George Rinker, and by one sister, Eva Crouch.

Serving as pallbearers were members of the IOOF. Serving as honorary pallbearers were all of his many friends.

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