

RINKER, MAURICE RAPHAEL
September 26, 1893-April 6, 1980

Maurice R. Rinker, 86, of the Irvine Memorial Home, died Sunday, April 6, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital.

The son of James and Lilly Noftsinger, he was born in Daleville, Ind. On Sept. 26, 1893.

He moved in 1912 to Uva, Wyo., where his family homesteaded. On Aug. 11, 1917, he enlisted in the U.S. Army at Fort D.A. Russell. During WWI, he served in France and Germany. He was discharged on May 19, 1919. He married Ethel McGee on Sept. 25, 1919 at the Methodist Parsonage in Wheatland.

In 1924, Maurice and Ethel and their family moved to California for two years, returning to Wheatland and living here until 1930.

They then moved to Indiana where he was engaged in farming. They returned to Wheatland in 1943 where he worked for Albert Bartlett on the Horseshoe Poultry Ranch. He later worked for the Short's Dairy, until his retirement. He was a member of the American Legion and the VFW.

He is survived by his two sons, Keith Rinker of Hills City, Kan. and Jerry Rinker of Millport, Ala.; five daughters, Marjorie Rhoads of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Betty Campbell of Lake Oswego, Ore, Doris Labertew of Wheatland, Joyce Trinkle and Shirley Zabka both of Denver, Colo.; two brothers, Cleon Rinker of Wheatland and George Rinker of Maybelle, Colo.; 20 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ethel on June 16, 1975; two brothers, Frank and John Rinker; and one sister, Eva Crouch.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, April 10 at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland. The Rev. Virgil Lamm will officiate. Burial will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be George good, Einer Mickelsen, James B. Orr, Jack Carey, Ray Moody and Jake Zabda.

A memorial has been established to the Platte County Memorial Hospital. The Schrader-Prell Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.