

12-12 J.W. "PETE" ROYAL 1985

Services for J.W. "Pete" Royal, 75, who died in Wheatland Dec. 12, were held Dec. 14, at 10:00 A.M. in the Schrader-Prell Funeral Chapel with Chet Shaw, minister.

Born in Lincoln, Nebr., Febr. 17, 1910, Pete Royal was the son of Frederick and Sophia Bloom Royal. The family moved to Missouri for a short time and then homesteaded in Iowa Flats. His father died when Pete was young and his mother then moved the family to Big Horn, Wyoming, where Pete grew up working on ranches. He completed his education in Big Horn and continued to work on ranches, being known as a good horse breaker.

He met Gertrude Baldock in Sheridan and they were married in Hardin, Mont., Sept. 27, 1937. They remained in the Sheridan area where they later purchased a ranch upon which they raised cattle and wheat. They moved to Washington then to Idaho where Pete was associated with the Milwaukee Railroad.

In 1945 they moved to Chugwater where he operated the coal chute for the Colorado & Southern Railroad. He also farmed in Chugwater. The family relocated to Dwyer, then to Wheatland in 1965. He retired from the railraod in 1974.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Gertrude of Wheatland, two daughters: Beverly Burns of Wheatland, Catherine Hattan of Hulett, one brother, Darrel Royal of Red Lodge, Mont., one sister, Bertha Gustafson of Chugwater, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister, and three grandchildren.

A memorial in his name has been established to the Platte co. Memorial Hospital.

Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.