

Earl Henry Rutherford

4-30-1992

Funeral services for Earl Henry Rutherford, 81, were held Monday, May 4, 1992 at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Wheatland with Andy Gudahl, Minister, officiating. Mr. Rutherford died April 30, 1992 at his home in the Dwyer area north of Wheatland, following a brief illness.

He was born Oct. 13, 1910 at Buckhorn Flats, later known as Dwyer. He was the first baby born on the Buckhorn Flats and was the son of Harry and Lillian (Guiles) Rutherford, one of the first homesteaders in the area.

He was reared on the family farm and attended the Dwyer Grade School, and then attended and graduated from Wheatland High School in 1931.

He had farmed all of his life on the Rutherford farms, except for three years spent in the 853rd Aviation Engineers in Germany during World War II.

He had a great love for children and was affectionately known in the community as "Uncle Earl" or "The Candy Man," as he always had a pocket full of wrapped candy to share with them.

He was a member of the Guemsey V.F.W. Post No. 4471, a charter member of the Cottonwood Grange #61, Christian Church of Dwyer, the Old Grads -- Class of 1931, and was a long-time board member of the Weed and Pest Board.

He is survived by one brother, Carl Rutherford and wife, Helen of Wheatland, and two sisters, Leva Carlson of Yoder, Wyo., and Erma Vermilyea of Wheatland. Many nieces and nephews also remain.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Myrtie Call and Florence Vermilyea.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were all of his many friends.

A memorial to the St. Joseph's Children's Home in Torrington, Yellowstone Boys Ranch in Billings, Mont., or to the choice of the donor would be equally appreciated by the family.

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



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Earl Rutherford of Dwyer celebrated his 80th birthday at an open house with 105 friends and relatives at the Cottonwood Grange Hall on Oct. 14.

A birthday cake decorated by Mrs. Carl (Helen) Rutherford centered the table, with a crown of braided wheat, a product Earl produced all of his life.