

E.L. "Eddie" Ryan

Funeral services for E.L. "Eddie" Ryan were held Dec. 18 at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Wheatland, with the Rev. Karin Wade officiating.

Mr. Ryan died at Wyoming Medical Center in Casper on Dec. 13.

He was born Sept. 16, 1905, at Badger, Wyo., near Wendover, to native pioneers Louis and Eva (DeGering) Ryan.

Mr. Ryan spent his entire life in Wyoming, except for time served in the armed services. He attended rural schools on Cottonwood Creek, high school in Douglas and Guernsey, and graduated from Guernsey with honors in both football and basketball.

He attended the University of Wyoming for two years, later working in the engineering department of the Wyoming Highway Department.

Mr. Ryan entered into the construction business in the late 1930's, building roads, streets and dams at various locations throughout the entire state of Wyoming for 50 years.

Upon retirement, he became involved in organizing the Laramie Peak Museum Association, and construction of the museum building at 1603 16th St., in Wheatland. He then served as the curator of the museum for five years, until ill health forced him to resign.

He was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Wheatland, and a Past Master of Wheatland Masonic Lodge No. 16 A.F. & A.M.

Mr. Ryan loved life, the wide open spaces of Wyoming, nature and little children, playing Santa Claus for many years for the children of Platte County.

He is survived by his wife, Viola, of the home, a son, Edward L. Ryan of Casper, and a daughter, Wanda Weber, of Wheatland. Seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also remain.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, one sister, and one granddaughter.

Serving as pallbearers were Edward Kendig, Gene Marker, George Reece, Jack Nixson, Harold Hellbaum and Charles Lawrence.

Burial was at Wheatland Cemetery. The Platte Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.