

WAITMAN, JERRY
June 23, 1909-March 7, 1969

A Wheatland lifetime resident, Jerry Waitman, passed away Friday, March 7th at the Platte County Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness. Funeral services were held on Tues., Mar. 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Clare E. Olney officiated, with interment in the local cemetery. Masonic rites were held at the graveside. Pallbearers were Hector Zaring, Charles Shellhart, Leo Norris, Delbert Howe, John Foos and Hal Ashenhurst. Honorary pallbearers were Bryan Thompson, Fritz Merback, John Nye, Doyle Hutchinson, Mel Short, Al Erlandson, and Dover Huston.

Jerry Waitman's Barber Shop on 9th Street is a landmark to the Wheatland area. It was built in 1895 for the primary use as a barber shop and no other business has been carried on under its roof in the 74-year period. Bud Waitman, father of Jerry, barbered in the same shop starting in 1902. Jerry took over the management of the shop in July 1928, and has operated the shop continuously since. It will be a strange thing not to see Jerry Waitman on the street or in the shop after so many years.

Mr. Waitman was born in Wheatland on June 23, 1909. He married the former Ethelyn C. Durfee on Jan. 10, 1932 in Douglas. He belonged to the AF & AM No. 16 and the Knights Templar.

He is survived by his wife, Ethelyn; one son, Jerry Jay; a sister, Mrs. Garnett Dower, all of Wheatland and another sister, Mrs. Ardella Helton of Long Beach, Calif.