

FRED MANUEL WERKELE

10-12-1982

Services for Fred Manuel Werkele, 71, who died Oct. 12, 1982 at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15, 1982 at the United Church of Christ in Wheatland with the Rev. Ken Saunders officiating.

Mr. Werkele was born May 1, 1911, in Rifle, Colo., the son of Edward and Elizabeth Melcher Werkele. As a youngster he moved with his family to Sugar City then to Scottsbluff, Neb., where he completed his education. When he was a teenager, he moved to Torrington, where he farmed with his father and uncle.

He married Lydia Schmidt in 1930 and the couple lived in Torrington where they farmed and raised a family of three sons. Lydia died in May of 1949, and in 1950 Fred and Lydia Lei were married in Torrington. In 1951 they moved to Wheatland where he farmed four miles south of town until his retirement in 1972.

Survivors include William Werkele of Cheyenne, Marvin Werkele of Torrington, Fred Werkele Jr., of Lakewood, Colo., Robert Lei of Wheatland, Donna Werkele of Wauneta, Neb., Judy Hayden of Hot Springs, S.D.; and his wife, Lydia of Wheatland. He is also survived by 13 brothers and sisters, 15 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to the United Church of Christ.

Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.