

Neal Williams Dies At Flood Site Sat.

The first fatality of the Wheatland Reservoir No. 2 flood was recorded late Sat. night when Neal Williams, 32 of Wheatland was crushed by a D-6 Cat which overturned as he backed over a steep embankment.

Williams and three other crawler operators were working under floodlights to rebuild the canal through the Tom McGuire farm on the Sybille River bottom, which was washed out in the flood last week.

According to Platte County Coroner, Ted Schrader death occurred instantly. The heavy equipment was moving dirt from the hillside to fill washes and gullies which riddled the old No. 2 canal serving the Wheatland Irrigation project.

The other operators, Sherm Wiseman, Dempsey Dietz, and Jack Miller noticed Williams was missing and found his body. The tracks of Williams' machine apparently got off a bank,

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causing it to topple sideways. The area was lighted with floodlights.

Williams, prominent in the Wheatland Jaycees, was born in Gainesville, Tex., July 22, 1937, and married Phyllis Tescher, Nov. 1, in Casper. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Tescher, live on Squaw Creek Road near Casper. Williams has lived in the Wheatland area since 1963.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two children, Neal Jr., 6, and Dawn Marie, 4; his parents, Guy Williams of Wheatland, and Mrs. Marie Phillippi of Salinas, Calif., two sisters, Mrs. Kay Cook, Chula Vista, Calif., and Mrs. Donna Winter, Hanford, Calif.

Funeral services will be held Wed., at 2 p.m. from the Schrader Chapel in Wheatland, with Father Leonard Wren officiating. Burial will be in the Wheatland Cemetery. The family states contributions to the Wyoming Jaycee fund for a swimming pool at the State Training School in Lander will be appreciated in lieu of flowers.

Pall bearers will be Alden Prosser, Zack Phifer, Gene Marker, Sherm Wiseman, Robert Bailey, and Jamis Johnson.