

Donald Elijah Wilson

Funeral services for Donald Elijah Wilson, 87, will be held tomorrow (Thursday, May 19, 1994) at 11 a.m., at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Andy Gudahl, Minister, officiating. Interment will follow in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Wilson died Monday, May 16, 1994 at the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home in Wheatland.

He was born May 15, 1907 in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Fred B. and Rose E. (Tickle) Wilson. In 1910 he came to Wheatland on a boxcar with his family. He was reared and educated east of Wheatland in a one-room schoolhouse.

He was a ranch hand by the age of 13. He lived in various places before settling in the Wheatland area. He married Mary Ann Simmons in Fort Collins, Colo., on Sept. 26, 1930.

In Wheatland, he owned the Grease Spot and Blue Gables Service Stations, and then opened a salvage yard, known as "The Farm," by the family. He operated a pool hall in Guernsey for a brief time in 1937. He also worked for the CCC and did some construction work.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Wheatland. He enjoyed collecting items, auctions, and playing cards.

Donald is survived by five children, Jack and wife, Stephanie Wilson of Wheatland, Darlene and husband Walter Rexius of Torrington, Donita Rennick of Evansville, Wyo., Eldon and wife Patricia Wilson of Sidney, Neb., and Rose Mary and husband, Charles Woolsey of Wheatland.

Also surviving are two sisters, Avis Klier of Sheridan, Wyo., and Elsie Ragland of Spokane, Wash., 26 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary Ann on Oct. 9, 1991, a sister, Lucreta, four brothers, Glen, Earl, and twins Gale and Dale, and a grandson, Timothy Rennick.

Serving as pallbearers will be Michael Wilson, Kelly Wilson, Kirby Wilson, Ted Rennick, John Rennick, Lex Martin and Justin Juarez. Honorary pallbearers will be David Rennick, Dan Rennick, Donald Rennick, Rodney Rennick, Michael C. Wilson and Jim Wilson.

A memorial to the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the funeral chapel on Wednesday, May 18 from 1 to 7 p.m.

The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.