## **Donald William Bledsoe**

Donald William Bledsoe, 77, died Thursday May 22, 1980 at his home in Wheatland.

Bledsoe was born April 9, 1903, in Iowa, the son of Benjamin and Emerta Arnold Bledsoe. He moved to Egbert, Wyo, with his family when he was six years old. He graduated from the Egbert High School and attended the University of Wyoming for a short time.

In 1930 he moved to Wheatland and was associated with the Highway Department. He was active in the Wheatland Fire Department and was a town council member for several years.

In 1995 he was transferred to Torrington and worked as Maintenance Crew Foreman with the Highway Department until his retirement in 1968. He and his wife, Muriel, moved to Dwyer when he retired and made their home there until they moved to Wheatland last fall.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel, whom he married Aug 12, 1941 in Kimball, Neb.; three daughters Barbara Breeding of Gunnison, Colo., Mrs. Art Zeiger (Donna) of Saratoga and Mrs. Bob Fitzgerald (Beverly) of Casper; one brother, Clifford Bledsoe; and two sisters, Lela Youtz and Margaret Palmer, all of Burns. He is also survived by four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Claude Bledsoe.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 27, at 10 a.m. at the Schrader-Prell Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Virgil Lamm of the United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery. A memorial has been established to the Platte County Senior Citizens.

The Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.