

Hilton Dearinger Funeral Held

6-6-1978
Hilton Ernest Dearinger, age 69, passed away Tuesday, June 6, 1978 at his home in Wheatland.

Hilt was born to Harry and Anne Dearinger on March 29, 1909 in Wheatland. He was raised and attended schools here and after graduation he attended college at Laramie. He entered the Navy during World War II. After his discharge, he entered Fire Service in Cheyenne and became the state Fire Marshall for Wyoming. Hilt and Mary Elizabeth Douglass were married June 3, 1934 in Wheatland.

In 1958 he moved to Alaska to become Territorial Fire Marshall and became Alaska's first Fire Marshall when the territory became a state. He then moved to Seattle serving as an arson investigator.

In 1971 he retired and moved to Oregon. He moved to Wheatland in 1974 and has spent his retirement years here. Hilt was a member of the Wheatland High School Basketball team that took state championship in 1929 and 1930. For years he was a member of the Auburn Masonic Lodge in Des Moines, Iowa, Nile Temple of Seattle and the Eastern Star in Cheyenne.

Hilt is survived by his wife, Beth, of Wheatland, his step-mother, Mabel Dearinger, of Wheatland, and a niece, Sandra Dearinger, of Cheyenne. He was preceded in death by his parents

and one brother, Sanford Dearinger.

Private burial services will be held at a later date at the Wheatland Cemetery. A memorial has been established to the Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department. Schrader-Prell Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.