

4-11 JESSE OLIVER DOTSON 1985

Graveside services for Jesse Oliver Johnson, 88, who died in Wheatland on April 11, were held at 9 a.m. Monday at the Wheatland Cemetery with the Rev. Virgil Lamm officiating.

Dotson was born June 5, 1896, in Whitewood, S.D., the son of Clinton and Mary Dotson. One of nine children, he helped his widowed mother operate the family ranch as a young boy. Later he worked at a mine at Lead, S.D., as explosives operator.

He operated an independent trucking company and owned a restaurant at Casper.

In 1936 he and Helen Stephens were married at Hastings, Neb. He then worked for his uncles on the Blake Ranch in South Dakota.

During World War II he worked at the Black Hills Ordnance Depot as explosives operator and munitions expert. After the war the couple returned to Casper where he worked for the Bureau of Reclamation and retired as security officer from Socony Mobil in the early 1960s.

The couple spent their retirement years at Wheatland.

Survivors include: son Raymond Dotson of Lander; three daughters, Jennie Brown of Santa Barbara, Cal., Jessie Taylor of Casper, and Dorine Logan of San Jose, Cal.; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, eight brothers and by his wife, who died in 1976.

A memorial has been established to the Children's at Lander.

Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.