

Howard H. Fish, age 90, passes suddenly at Platte C

Howard H. Fish died Thursday, Nov. 9 at Platte County Memorial Hospital at the age of 90.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m., at United Methodist Church of Christ in Wheatland.

Mr. Fish was born in Mediapolis, Iowa, Oct. 28, 1899 to Henry Tilghman Fish and Winfered Ayers Fish. His parents and brothers Byron Ayers Fish and Arthur Russell Fish came to Wheatland in February, 1912. The family lived on a farm west of Wheatland.

The Fish brothers were graduated from Wheatland High School. Howard attended Colorado Aggies (now Colorado State University) for two-and-one-half years. He then worked at Marshall Field's in Chicago for two years. Howard and his father, who was a druggist, later worked for the Crouter's Drug Store, which later became City Drug. He then worked for a men's clothing store, and followed that by starting the Quality Cleaners, a business he operated until 1975, a period of about 40 years.

He married Rachel Ann Wright of Ft. Collins, Colo., April 8, 1927. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, and his wife, who died in 1975.

He is survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Byron (Florence) Fish, nieces and nephews, Shirley J. Fancher, Denver, Colo.; Winferd Poehlmann, Concord, N.H.; Dr. Charles R. Fish, Rochester, Minn.; Elizabeth Schilt, Laramie; Jack Fish, Sidney, Nebr.; Barbara Pease, Los Angeles, Calif.; Keith Fish, Rapid City, S.D.; Betty Gano, Wheatland; and several grand-nieces and nephews.

Mr. Fish was a member of the Wheatland Lions Club, Wheatland Masonic Lodge No. 16, A.F.&A.M. Scottish Rite, (32nd Degree Mason), Korcin Shrine Temple, and the Western Writers Association.

He served on the Platte County Public Library Board for several years, as well as the Mental Health Board. He maintained a close relationship with the library and continued his support for its growth, expansion and acquisition of art work.

He received the outstanding citizenship and appreciation awards from the American Library Association, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club and International Thespian Society for meritorious participation in theatre arts.

Mr. Fish, also known as "Mr. Wheatland," was a painter, a writer of poetry, and enjoyed a host of friends of all ages.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Platte County Public Library, or charity of your choice.

Serving as pallbearers were Ed Kindig, Gene Gresley, Keith Anderson, Charles Thorne Jr., John Coyne and Bill Vines.

The Platte Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.