

Chris Henry Franzen

January 16, 1905 - December 7, 2000

Services for Chris Henry Franzen, 95, were held Monday, Dec. 11 at 10:30 a.m. at Platte Funeral Chapel in Wheatland with Rev. Andy Gudahl, Minister of the First Christian Church officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Franzen died Thursday, Dec. 7, at his home in Wheatland following a lengthy illness.

Chris was born Jan. 16, 1905, in McCool Junction, Neb., the son of Andrew and Margrethe (Beck) Franzen. He grew up in Nebraska where he met Opal Vogt. Chris, Opal and their son, Lanny moved to the Wheatland area where Chris worked as a farmer. During this time he also worked for various local businesses.

After retirement, he spent many hours restoring antique furniture and cars. Chris especially enjoyed being caretaker of the Laramie Peak Museum. Chris was part of a large, loving family and community; his presence will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Opal of Wheatland; his son, Lanny Franzen of Missoula, Mont.; his sister, Nina Vogt of Wheatland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Frank, Harry, Einar and Carl; and three sisters, Johanna, Lilly and Martha.

Serving as pallbearers were Darrel Vogt, Larry Habel, Dale Franzen, Art Coulthard, Joe VonSeggern and David VonSeggern. Honorary pallbearers were Chris Tapp, Michael Capps, Louis Franzen, Auldon Vogt, Roger Armstrong and Morgan Armstrong.

Memorials in Chris' name to the Laramie Peak Museum, in care of Glyda May, 181 No. Hightower Road, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.