

# Allen Monroe Goertz

August 12, 1914 - September 29, 2005

Funeral services for Allen Monroe Goertz, 91, were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel in Wheatland, with Bob Fleenor officiating. Interment, with military graveside rites conducted by the Laramie Peak Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3558, was at the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005, at Highland Park Care Center in Alliance, Neb.

Allen was born Aug. 12, 1914, in Hillsboro, Kans., the son of Alice C. (Baker) and Henry F. Goertz. The family moved from Manning, Kans., to Slater Flats in 1922 and started farming. Allen returned to Kansas for his schooling and later returned to the Wheatland area to work for Swan Land and Cattle Company. Allen married Audrey Hartung on Nov. 18, 1940, in Gering, Neb. He joined the Army Air Corps and served in England with the 8th Air Force, 339th Fighter Group from 1942-1945. After the death of his first wife, Allen met Pauline (Gibson) Finlayson, originally from Bassett, Neb., who was working at the Diamond Ranch in Chugwater, and they were married Nov. 15, 1943, in Los Angeles, Calif. After the war, they returned to Wheatland where Allen worked

as a bookkeeper for the Grain Elevator and later, Drube Machine Shop, retiring May 29, 1980.

Survivors include step-daughter-in-law, Eugenia Finlayson of Central City, Neb.; three step-grandsons, Lynn Finlayson and wife, Bert of Alliance, Steve Finlayson and wife, Jean of Littleton, Colo., and Rocky Finlayson of Central City; and a step-great granddaughter, Amie Finlayson of Littleton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Audrey in 1942; and Pauline, his wife of 40 years on April 9, 1984; step-son, Arlo Finlayson in Aug., 1993; and eight-siblings, Lillian, Alice, Henry, Claude, Mary, John, Nelson, and Florence.

Serving as pallbearers will be Lynn Finlayson, Rocky Finlayson, Steve Finlayson, Norb Olind, Amie Finlayson, and Dave Rinke. Honorary pallbearers will be Guy Garnick, Joe Bookout, Everett Waln, and Dick Hoffman.

Memorials to Platte County Memorial Nursing Home, P.O. Box 848, Wheatland, WY 82201 or Services for Seniors, P.O. Box 283, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.