MARTENS, VERNE October 23, 1902-January 24, 1968

Verne Martens, a life time resident of this area, succumbed to an extended illness on January 24 at Memorial Hospital in Cheyenne. He was 65 years of age at the time of his death.

Born in Albany County, Wyoming on October 23, 1902, Mr. Martens has been engaged in ranching 36 miles southwest of Wheatland. He was married Dec. 30, 1930 to Minnie Needham at Wheatland. He was affiliated with the United Church of Christ, Wheatland AF & AM No. 16, Wyoming Consistory No. 1, Korein Shrine, York Rite Masons, Wheatland OES No.11, and the Wyoming Stock Growers Assn.

He is survived by his wife Minnie, of Wheatland; two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Norma) Marker and Mrs. Thomas (Valerie) Christinck, both of Wheatland; two grandchildren; two brothers, Mark Martens, Wheatland; Julius Martens, Cheyenne; and one sister, Mrs. Walter Freeman, Mesa, Ariz. He was preceded in death by his parents, Blanche and Hartwig Martens.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 27 at 2:00 p.m. from the United Church of Christ with Rev. Clare E. Olney officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland cemetery with Masonic graveside rites with the Knight Templar Honor Guard.

Serving as pallbearers were Bill Dannar, Owen McGill, Tom Teesdale, Orville Scranton, Don Sherard and Jack Nixson.