

SMITH, DONALD ROSS
February 9, 1911-May 8, 1935

Mrs. W.H. Smith received the sad news Thursday of last week that her son, Donald Ross Smith, had been killed the night before when a truck which he was driving turned over on the highway.

Definite information to the accident is not available for so far as it is known, there were no eye witnesses. The young man was employed by Attorney McMicken as foreman of his ranch west of Rawlins where the sheep shearing had just been completed. Mr. McMicken was returning to Rawlins in his car and behind him came Mr. Smith in the truck. Indications point to the fact that perhaps something had gone wrong with the steering apparatus as the truck had veered to the right and left across the road several times before hitting the barpit and turning over. Here the body of Don Smith was found by passing motorists and taken to the hospital. He was still breathing but expired before reaching the hospital where it was found his neck was broken.

Mr. McMicken had remembered that Smith had spoken of having an uncle, Hugh Ross, a druggist in Saratoga, and through him was able to learn of Mrs. Smith and the family living here. Donald had been away from Wheatland for about ten years and but little was known of his whereabouts, even when his father had died, he could not be located.

He was born February 9, 1907 in Staples, Minnesota and at the time of his death, was 28 years old. The body was brought to Wheatland and funeral services were held at ten o'clock Saturday morning from the Longwith Funeral Home with Rev. Morgan of the Congregational church officiating. Interment was made in the family lot in the Wheatland cemetery.