

Lester Baker

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Lester Baker, long time Platte County resident, passed away Friday, Oct. 19, 1979, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital at the age of 92.

He was born Feb. 23, 1887 in Harvard, Iowa, the son of Willard and Mary Burchett Baker. While still a child, he moved to Nebraska with his family and later moved to Wheatland.

He met and married Martha Ayers here and they operated a farm in the community for a number of years. They then moved to Chugwater and farmed in the area until their retirement in the late 1940s.

They returned to Wheatland in 1957. Martha passed away in 1970 and Lester has spent his remaining years in Wheatland.

Mr. Baker is survived by his son, John Baker, of Chugwater; two granddaughters, Karen Baker and Debra Ross; one great grandson, Kevin Ross; two brothers, Gilbert and Wallace Baker; and three sisters, Hazel Weber, Helen Brown, and Floss Byll.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha, an infant daughter, Charlotte, three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held Oct. 22, at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland with the Rev. Virgil Lamm officiating. Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery. A memorial has been established to the Platte County Senior Citizens Center. Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.