

## Archie Kent Beard. 1917-1995

CHUGWATER --- Funeral services for Archie Kent Beard, 77, were held here Friday, May 5, 1995 at 10:30 a.m., at the First Baptist Church, with Pastor Stan Rieb officiating. Interment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery. **Military graveside rites were conducted by the Francis E. Warren Air Force Base Honor Guard/Drill Team.**

Mr. Beard died Tuesday, May 2, 1995 at the United Medical Center-West in Cheyenne.

Kent was born in Wheatland Aug. 11, 1917 to Frank and Leona (Board) Beard of Chugwater. He attended Chugwater schools and graduated from Chugwater High School in 1935. He attended Parks School of Business in Denver. **During the last of his high school years, he helped his father with the printing of the Chugwater newspaper.**

Mr. Beard managed **Beard's Serve-Yourself** store after high school before entering the United States Air Force. He was a veteran of World War II, serving from April 1943 through September, 1945. **During his life, he worked for the Tri-County Elevator in Chugwater, and also managed the Farmers Co-op before becoming rural mail carrier in Chugwater.** He retired in 1983.

Mr. Beard also farmed east of Chugwater for several years. Along with being a charter member of the McDonald-Voight American Legion Post #75, Chugwater Masonic Lodge #23 A.F.&A.M., and Past Worthy Patron of the Laurel Leaf Chapter Order of the Eastern Star in Chugwater. **He was a very active part of the Chugwater community throughout his lifetime.**

He was married to Dorothy Louise Steinacher on July 3, 1947 in Wheatland. To this union were born three daughters, Pamela Kay Holt of Westmoreland, Kans., Barbara Ann Clay of Olsburg, Kans., and Nancy Allison Beard.

On Oct. 20, 1979, in Chugwater, he married Faye Rhoades Miller, adding two step-children, Lorene Jackson of Chugwater and Keith Miller of Albuquerque, N.M.

Kent was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Dorothy, on Nov. 23, 1976, his wife, Faye, on Dec. 11, 1994, an infant daughter, Nancy, and a sister, Ellen Matz.

Serving as pallbearers were John Baker, Jim Stafford, Kenneth Kennedy, Louis Voight, John Chasteen and Bill McConnell. Honorary pallbearers were all of his many friends.

Memorials to the First Baptist Church of Chugwater, or to the Chugwater Senior Center, would be appreciated by the family. The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.