

# Wendal Max Bellis

1915 – August 27, 2004

Wendal Max Bellis, 89, passed away on August 27. He was born in Grant City, Mo. to Harvey Benjamin and Grace Bellis. He grew up and graduated from high school in Wheatland. On June 8, 1937, he married Wilma Maurine Wilson.

Max worked in the grocery business, attended the University of Wyoming and served as a State Auditor before signing up with the Army Air Force, during World War II. He was stationed in England for three years and was assigned to the Finance Division.

On his return to the U.S., he owned and operated the Lingle Trading Post. When his father died, he was asked to manage the Lingle office of the Federal Land Bank of Omaha and was instrumental in building that two-county office into one which covered a quarter of the state. He

retired after working for the Federal Land Bank for twenty years.

Max and Maurine moved to Arizona to support aging parents and Max worked in real estate. The Bellis family moved many times over the years but their hearts were always in Wyoming.

Max was a fifty-year member of the Wheatland Chapter Number Eleven Order of the Eastern Star and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Bellis is survived by his wife; a son and daughter-in-law: James and Jonelle; three grandchildren: John, Joel and Jacquelyn; a brother and sister-in-law: Benjamin and Rosemary; three nieces: Barbara, Rosyln, and Rebecca; and one nephew: Benjamin Junior.

A son, John Edward Bellis, preceded Max in death.