

Cecil William Ray Bookout

11-23-2002

Funeral services for Cecil William Ray Bookout, 90, will be held Wed., Nov. 27, at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Andy Gudahl, Minister and Pastor Larry Benjamin officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland.

Mr. Bookout died Sat., Nov. 23, at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Cecil was born Aug. 11, 1912 in Wheatland, the son of Luther and Edith (Baker) Bookout. He went through the eighth grade in Wheatland and then began working with the Luther Bookout and Earl Hopper in construction, building the first roads to Palmer Canyon.

He lived on the ranch by himself and rode his horse to town while he was courting his future wife.

Cecil married Alice Hopper on Nov. 27, 1933, in Gering, Neb. As a result of the war, they moved to Compton, Calif.

In 1941 and he did classified work for Rheems, making fuel cans, and assembly jigs until 1945 when they returned to Wheatland to buy and run the sawmill with Luther on the family ranch west of Wheatland from 1945 to 1948.

In 1949, they moved to Denver, and he worked for Reed's Planning Mill. Cecil was an elder and church treasurer in the Christian Church in Denver.

They returned to Wheatland in 1970 and he worked for Jim Bookout Appliances as a ser-

vice technician until a stroke forced his retirement in 1976.

He was a member of First Christian Church and union member in Calif. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and taught his son and grandchildren how to fly fish. He loved building things.

Cecil is survived by his wife, Alice Mildred Bookout of Wheatland; a son, William Ray Bookout of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; sister, Marjorie Powel of Yumatilla, Ore.; brother, Joe Bookout of Wheatland; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jim Bookout; and a sister, Virginia White.

Serving as pallbearers will be William Bookout, Michael Bookout, Patrick Bookout, Timothy Bookout, Greg Garton, and Dave Burke. Honorary pallbearers will be Patrick Bookout Jr., Christopher Bookout, Nathan Bookout, Joe Bookout, Travis Garton, Tyrell Garton, Kyle Bookout, Matt Bookout, and Mike Bookout.

Memorials to Platte Valley Bible College, P.O. Box 1227, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-1227, would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the funeral chapel on Wed. from 8:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.