

Richard Lawrence Chase

August 15, 1909 – March 18, 2007

Memorial services for Richard Lawrence Chase, 97, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, March 30 at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Skip Perry officiating. Inurnment with graveside services by Masonic Lodge No. 16 A.F. & A.M. will follow in the Wheatland Cemetery. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel.

He died Sunday, March 18, 2007, at Shepherd of the Valley Care Center in Casper.

Richard was born Aug. 15, 1909, in Wheatland, the son of Arthur Adelbert and Katheryn Louise (Kenty) Chase. He attended the Pleasant View (Axford) School, graduating from the eighth grade May 10, 1922. Richard married Irene Anna McMullin on June 2, 1933, in Wheatland. They lived on a rented farm until 1940 when they purchased his parents farm which was located 12 miles southwest of Wheatland. They sold the farm in January 1975 and moved to a new home in Wheatland. He was the first occupant of the Country Club Living facility in Wheatland; residing there until September of 2005. Richard became a Master Mason on Jan. 7, 1931, serving as Master of Wheatland Lodge No. 16, A.F. & A.M. in 1938; Lodge secretary for 13 years; and janitor for 10 years. He joined Rock Lake Grange No. 13 in November 1939 as a charter member; was master



from 1945-46 when the Grange Hall was being built on Highway 34; and served as Grange treasurer from 1954 to its closing in 1998. He was a member of Paradise Lodge No. 29 Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Wheatland United Methodist Church; and the Wheatland Golden Age Club. He served as Deputy Assessor for nine years; as Director of the Wheatland Rural Electric

Association for 24 years serving as President of the Board for 10 years; Director and President of the Wyoming Mutual Insurance Company for 28 years; Director of the Wheatland Irrigation District for 17 years; and served on the Farm Security Administration Advisory Board for three years. He had a love for gardening, lawn care, and walking for exercise around Wheatland.

Survivors include his two sons, Edward Chase and wife, Shirley of Casper and Kenneth Chase and wife, Paddy of San Diego, Calif.; a brother, Leo N. Chase of Wheatland; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Irene on July 11, 1998; and a brother, Charles Cecil Chase.

Memorials to the Laramie Peak Museum, P.O. Box 573, Wheatland, WY 82201-0573 would be appreciated by the family.

Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.