

COLLINS, WALTER DONALD

March 29, 1908-April 7, 1948

Funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon at the Congregation church for Don Collins, 40, who died at the St. Luke's hospital in Denver following a long illness. The Rev. W. James Hoare officiated and interment was in the Wheatland cemetery.

Walter Donald Collins was born in Chicago, Ill., on March 29, 1908, the son of Dr. and Mrs. W.H. Collins and died April 7 at the age of 40 years and 9 days.

He came from Chicago to Wheatland with his parents and one brother, Willard, in 1919 and was a resident of Platte county continuously until his death.

He graduated from the Sunrise high school in 1925 and was an outstanding athlete in track and basketball. He attended the University of Wyoming and was a member of the ATO fraternity, and also the A.O.U.W. lodge. He attended the School of Mines at Rapid City, S.D. during 1931 and 1932.

He won the Atwater contest in singing for the Rocky Mountain area in 1930 and was a contestant at San Francisco for national honors. In late years he had appeared frequently as soloist for the Congregational church choir. He was affiliated with the Presbyterian church. He was employed many years by Wyoming state highway department as a surveyor and engineer and was so employed at the time of his last illness.

He was united in marriage November 28, 1933 to Miss Bonita Terman of Wheatland, and to this union, one daughter, Donna Jo Collins was born.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and daughter and one brother, Willard of Cheyenne, his parents, Dr. and W.H. Collins and many other relatives as well as a host of friends.

Pallbearers were William W. (unreadable), Don Borthwick, Herb Percy, Ed Ryan, Jim Hildebrand and Elmer Hitt.