

# Services Held For Harry Dearing



Harry E. Dearing

Harry was an artist, musician, writer, and craftsman. He was well-known for his many talents. Harry will be remembered for his historical knowledge of Wheatland and the entire state of Wyoming. He has painted many western pictures, two of which are hanging in the Empire State Building.

He built 20 houses in Wheatland and has painted many of the homes in our community.

As a young man, he organized a dance band which was invited to entertain all over the country.

At various times in his life, he was active in ranching, retail grocery business, a clothing store, dry cleaning business, and barbering. He was a self-employed sign painter at the time of his death.

The arch over main street which welcomes travelers and a park in the community have been dedicated to him.

One of Harry's most recent accomplishments is the book he wrote in 1976 "Wonderful Wyoming - - - The Indians Choice and Our Choice".

He was a member of Masonic Lodge #16 AF and AM, a member of the Royal Arch Chapter 19 of the Wyo. York Rite, and a Charter member of the Wheatland Lion's Club which started in 1922.

He is survived in death by his wife Mable of Wheatland; one son, Hilton of Wheatland and one grandchild. A son, Sanford, and two brothers, Sherman and Frank, preceeded him in death.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 5, 1977, for Wheatland pioneer, Harry Ernest Dearing. Rev. Gordon Tritchler was in charge of the morning services held at the United Church of Christ. Interment was at Wheatland Cemetery.

Harry was born in Redington, Nebraska August 30, 1888 and died at his home in Wheatland Saturday, July 2, 1977.

Ed Kendig, Bob Straw, Bill Jones, Bill Vines, Ron Williams and Harold Garrett served as pallbearers. Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Harry moved to the Wheatland area with his mother and brothers in 1893 after his father passed away. They traveled here in a covered wagon.

He was educated in the Wheatland schools and attended art school in Chicago. He married Mable Hanke September 27, 1923 in Denver, Colorado.