

**FLAHARTY, EARL F.**  
**June 6, 1889-August 30, 1974**

Pioneer retired rancher, Earl Flaharty, passed away Friday, August 30, 1974, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital, at the age of 85, following an extended illness.

Earl Flaharty was born June 6, 1889 in southern York County, Pennsylvania, near Delta, to N.B. and Katherine Flaharty. At the age of nineteen, he came to Cheyenne and went to work on the ranch of John L. Jordan of Iron Mountain on April 19, 1909. He worked there for fourteen years and took up a homestead in the Chugwater Valley.

On November 4, 1924, he was married to Myrtle A. Rosentreter in Cheyenne. To this union were born two children; Clifford and Myra.

In May, 1925, he leased the D.M.O. ranch for one year; and in May, 1926, leased the PR5 ranch on North Sybille Creek in Albany County from Louis P. Roved. The Flaharty's bought the PR5 ranch in 1931, and the adjoining Les and Dave Sommers ranch on the Sybille in 1937. He added to the Two Bar or Swan Company. He lived on the ranch some thirty-four years, until 1960, when he retired and moved to make his home in Wheatland.

Active in community affairs for many years, Earl was a member of the Laramie Peak Stock Growers, Golden Age Club, Shamrock Farm Bureau, and he was a past president of Albany County Farm Bureau. He was a 50 year member of Wheatland Lodge No. 16, A.F. and A.M., and of the Wyoming Consistory No.1 at Cheyenne; a member of the Korein Shrine, Wheatland Chapter No. 11, Order of the Eastern Star, and the United Methodist Church.

Mr. Flaharty is survived by his wife, Myrtle; son, Cliff Flaharty of Littleton, Colo.; one daughter, Mrs. Elwood (Myra) Hanna, residing on the ranch, Wheatland; one granddaughter, Susan Hanna; one sister, Mrs. Reba Ihrig, York, Pennsylvania; one brother, C.W. Flaharty, Columbia, Pennsylvania; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 3, 1974, at 2:00 p.m., at the United Methodist Church, with Rev. Elliot Graves officiating at the services.

Masonic services were held at the graveside, with interment in the Wheatland Cemetery, with Schrader Funeral Home making the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Howard E. "Mick" Miller, Bob Garton, Jack Radichal, Chuck McFarland, Milton Small and John Wickam.