

James Edwin 'Ed' Foreman

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Funeral services for James Edwin "Ed" Foreman, 105, will be held today (Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1994) at 10:30 a.m., at the Wheatland United Methodist Church in Wheatland, with the Rev. Linda Barnes Patzke officiating. Interment will follow in the Wheatland Cemetery.



Mr. Foreman died Sunday, Oct. 16, 1994 at the Life Care Center of Cheyenne.

He was born July 28, 1889 on an eastern Kansas farm near the town of McLouth. His parents were Joseph Wilson and Julia (Edmonds) Foreman. He graduated from the McLouth High School in 1908, and shortly thereafter attended Spaulding Commercial College in Kansas City, Mo.

In 1911, he moved to Canon City, Colo., where he worked in the Edmonds Meat and Grocery Market as a meatcutter and store operator. In 1912, he married his high school sweetheart, Teco Kenyon, the daughter of a McLouth, Kans., blacksmith.

In July 1914, the couple left Canon City, and moved to Guernsey, where Foreman worked for the Guernsey Mercantile Company, a large general store which served the booming mining and ranching community. There he established a meat market in addition to working in all facets of the store, becoming a part owner in the early 1920s.

In 1924, he left the Guernsey Mercantile to become manager of the Commercial State Bank of Guernsey, a branch of the Corn Exchange National Bank of Omaha, Neb. In 1927, the failure of the Corn Exchange National Bank and the collapse of the local economy as well as his own personal finances, caused Ed to move to Everett, Wash., where he assumed a position as a groceryman in a Safeway store.

In 1930, he was drawn back to Wyoming and moved to Cheyenne where he worked as an Assistant State Bank Examiner. He examined banks across Wyoming for three years, during a period of widespread bank closures.

In March, 1933, he moved to Wheatland, acquiring an interest in the Stockgrower's Bank. He worked as cashier of the bank until 1948 when he was elected President. He considered his experience at the Stockgrower's Bank of Wheatland to be his most fulfilling accomplishment of his career.

He and his fellow directors sold the bank in 1965.

For six years thereafter, he operated the Foreman Insurance Agency, selling property and casualty insurance. In 1971, he sold his insurance business to the Wheatland Insurance Agency, and became licensed as a real estate agent. As a real estate salesman, he was associated with the Transmountain Corporation, and later with the Century 21-Rite Agency.

Following the death of his wife, Teco, in 1952, he married Velma Davis in 1954. His second marriage ended with Velma's death in 1964. Ed retired in 1990 at the age of 101.

In 1992, he moved to Cheyenne where he resided until his death.

Foreman loved the Wyoming environs and was an avid bird and big game hunter, and a trout fisherman. He enjoyed these sports well past the age of 100.

He was a member of the Wheatland and Guernsey Masonic Lodges, the Wheatland Lions, Wyoming Bankers Association, served on the Platte County Welfare Board, was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church and then the Wheatland United Methodist Church.

He was the keynote speaker at the age of 100 for the Farmer's Cooperative's 100th anniversary celebration. As an actively-working centenarian, he received much recognition and notoriety.