

**Lucy (Martens) Freeman**

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Notification of the family has been received that Lucy (Martens) Freeman, 87, passed away in Nyssa, Oregon on July 11, 1993. Mrs. Freeman's cremated remains are expected to arrive in Wheatland the week of July 18, and will be interred next to those of her late husband at the Wheatland Cemetery. Per Mrs. Freeman's direction, no memorial service will be conducted.

Mrs. Freeman was born June 30, 1906, to parents Hartwig and Blanche (Owens) Martens, at their ranch home situated along Sybille Creek in eastern Albany County. In the late 1920's she eloped with Walther "Shorty" Freeman, a young cowhand from Iowa under the employ of Frank Wickam. By the fall of 1930, Mrs. Freeman and her husband had moved into Wheatland, and for a time they had a contract mail route from Wheatland to the Sybille Post Office. After the Sybille Post Office building was destroyed by fire in the early '30's, Mr. Freeman secured full-time employment for several years at Great Western's sugar beet processing plant. After activity at the plant was suspended due to severe draught conditions in the area, the Freemans departed Wheatland for California, where they resided during the remaining years of the Depression era, on through World War II. Sometime after the end of the war, the Freemans relocated again, this time to Parma, Idaho, where Mr. Freeman started up and operated his own machine shop business. During this time, Mrs. Freeman was active in Eastern Star, and attained the title of Worthy Matron. After Mr. Freeman retired, he and Mrs. Freeman alternated their time between their farm in Parma and their winter residence in Mesa, Arizona. After her husband's death in January, 1976, Mrs. Freeman sold both properties and moved into an apartment in Parma, where she resided year-round until January of this year. At the time of her death on July 11, Mrs. Freeman was a resident of the Malheur Memorial Nursing Home in Nyssa, Oregon, where she had been receiving medical care for her deteriorating health.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Freeman was preceded in death by her infant sister, Mary, and brothers Verne, Mark, and Julius. Mrs. Freeman had no children; her immediated survivors are 3 nieces: Val Christinck of Boslet Route, Wheatland; Norma Marker of Wheatland; and Elnora Mrazick of Yuma, Arizona; and 3 nephews: Mark Martens of Thermopolis, Jimmy Martens of Forth Worth, Texas, and Joe Martens of Wheatland.