

Last rites held here Thursday for D. E. Hunton

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The community was saddened Monday to learn of the sudden death of Donald E. Hunton, a lifetime resident of Wheatland. Don, as he was known to everyone, suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized July 27.

He was born June 30, 1901, in Wheatland, the son of Thomas and Mora Evans Hunton, early pioneers in this community. Growing up in Wheatland and graduating from the local schools, he attended the University of Wyoming, and at the time of his death was a member of the Alumni Board. He married Magda Bothen at Ft. Collins, Colorado in 1926.

In 1944, Mr. Hunton purchased the equity of the Wheatland Motor Company from the late A. D. Faville, retiring only a few years ago as its president and executive manager after 28 years. The Barlow property was purchased by the company in 1949 for the Implement department and in August 1953 the Wheatland Motor opened in the new building at 9th and Oak.

Don was active in community affairs, having served as a member of the school board for six years; past president of the Wheatland Chamber of Commerce; member of AF & AM No. 16 and Past Commander of Knights Templar. He was also a member of the Lions Club, as well as a member of two state-wide groups, The Wyoming State Youth Council, and the Governor's Committee for Water Development. He always felt that Wheatland would continue to grow and strived to that end.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two children, Dr. Donald B. Hunton, M. D., Rochester, Minn., and Mrs. Donald K. Joder, Ft. Riley, Kansas. Two brothers, James E. of Denver and Dean of Laramie; one sister, Mrs. Mora Herring, Benkleman, Nebr., and five grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday from the Congregational church with Rev. Fred Stiegemeier officiating, with interment in the Wheatland cemetery. Pallbearers were R. E. Lowry, Don Borthwick, L. B. Secrest, Charles Peek, Harry Guenther and A. R. Fish.

