

LESTER LEROY JONES

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Former Wheatland resident Lester L. Jones died Saturday, July 31 in Yuma, Ariz., after a brief illness.

Jones, son of Willard F. Jones and Katie Mendenhall Jones, was born June 6, 1900 at Belgrade, Neb., and was the eldest of a family of five. He moved to Wheatland with his family in 1906 where his father became engaged in farming in the Wheatland area and later near Eagles Nest in the Greyrocks Community.

He married Esther V. Watson of Torrington on Sept. 24, 1924 and four children were born to this union: Gene L. "Casey" Jones of Yuma, Ariz., Marjorie A. Rinker of Hill City, Kan., Robert L. Jones of Hawthorne, Calif., and Dianne Weaver of Aurora, Colo.

He is survived by his wife, his children, 11 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Mildred Erlandson of Wheatland. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Kenneth and Marvin, one sister, Florence Wagner and one grandson, Michael Jones.

During his lifetime he was a 25-year manager of the Grease Spit service station in Wheatland, worked for the Wheatland Irrigation District and the Goodrich Construction Company. He and his wife moved to Yuma, Ariz., in 1977.

Cremation services were held at the Ryzek Mortuary in Yuma with burial at the Wheatland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Platte County Nursing Wing, Electric Organ Fund in his name.