

# Funeral Services for M. S. Jordan Held in Wheatland Last Wednesday

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Funeral services for Highway Patrol Sgt. Myriel S. Jordan were held from the Wheatland Methodist Church last Wednesday with burial in the Wheatland cemetery.

Sgt. Jordan died August 18 of a heart condition after being hospitalized in the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland for eight days.

The Rev. Frank Bozart, who is also Niobrara under sheriff, presided at the services. He was assisted by the Rev. Clifford Polson, Sr., of Wheatland. Casket bearers were all patrolmen and for the most part, men that had taken their patrol training under Sgt. Jordan. They were: Robert Langtry, George Wilcox, Clifton Ritchie, P. C. Carmine, Roland Brown, Gene Curtis. The esteem in which he was held by his fellow officers was shown when officers from three states attended the funeral.

The family requested that memorials benefit the First Methodist Church at Wheatland.

Mr. Jordan had been a resident of Lusk for 24 years first coming to Lusk as a meat cutter and later became Lusk chief of police. In November 1944 he joined the Highway Patrol and with the exception of a short time when he was in Rock Springs he was stationed at Lusk his entire career.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. and Cora Van Dyke Jordan born April 9, 1897 in Wheatland. During his high school years he was a member of the famous Wheatland high school basketball team that won 72 of 73 games in the four years he played on it. The only loss was by one point. During World War I he served in the Marine Corps. He and Hazel Rumsey were married June 1, 1919.

When in Wheatland he was fire chief and one year served as president of the Wyoming Volunteer Firemen's convention. He was secretary of the Tri-State Peace Officers Association for 11 years. In recognition of his service, last year the Association presented him with an engraved gold watch.

During World II he served as commander for a time of the Home Guard and through the years participated in many community activities. He was a keen sportsman and loved gardening raising prize vegetables year after

year on land south of Lusk in co-operation with Earl Quigley. He was an ardent promoter of highway safety and built many outstanding floats for local and other parades in nearby communities such as the Douglas State Fair. He was enjoyed, too, for his many pranks, both among peace officers and about his home community, only a year ago masquerading as an undesirable transient during the Lusk 75th Anniversary and fooling those who knew him best.

One his greatest services to the Wyoming Highway Patrol was in the training of new patrolmen. At the time of his death he was in charge of the district comprising Crook, Weston, Niobrara, Converse and Goshen counties.

In addition to his widow, Hazel of Lusk, he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Martha Schroefel of Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. Maxine Paisley of Gillette, Mrs. Evelyn Wade of Aurora, Colo., Mrs. Ellen Bonner of Laramie; two brothers, Lawrence of Wheatland and Ray of Grand Junction, Colo.; one sister, Mrs. Florence Quick of Grand Junction, Colo.; and eleven grandchildren.

Mrs. Jordan plans to move to Wheatland to make her home by October 1.