

Paul V. Lawrence

Paul Vain Lawrence, ¹⁻¹⁻¹⁹⁸²71, died Jan. 1, 1982 at Platte County Memorial Hospital.

He was born July 6, 1910 at Meeker, Okla., the son of Thomas and Lydia Croy Lawrence. At the age of one he moved to Wheatland with his parents. He received his education in the Wheatland school system.

From 1924 until 1927 Lawrence served in the 115th Calvary. He was baptized into the First Baptist Church in 1924 by the Rev. Stratton. On Sept. 5, 1930 he married Pearl Isabell in Greeley, Colo.

Lawrence worked for the Adams-McCan Construction Company for 11 years and received his brick mason's card in 1939. For several years he worked in Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming. He returned to Wheatland in 1946 and began working with John Nye. They continued to work together until his retirement in 1975. He was a member of the brick mason's union and the Wheatland Fire Department. His tile, brick and masonry work around Wheatland will be works by which many people will remember him.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl of Wheatland; one son, Paul D. of Wheatland; one daughter, Ethel Belden of Fort Collins, Colo.; three brothers, Albert of Wheatland, Roaby of Lowell, Mass., and Tommy of Rawlins; one sister, Ruby Lane of Worland; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother, Cloyd, one brother, Freeman, and an infant son, Albert.

Services were held Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church with the Rev. Daniel D. Barcus officiating. Pallbearers were Dave Locke, Bill Boyd, Jack Eddleman, Walt Taylor, Frank Hester and Leo Williams. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Bob Daly, Larry Kangas, Gene Marker, Max Shafer, Percy Turner, Dale Evans and Eli Miller.

Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in the name of Paul V. Lawrence to the choice of the donor.

Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.