

# Darwin F. Leedy

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Darwin F. Leedy, known as Bill to his friends, died at the age of 79 Saturday, July 4, 1981 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital.

Bill, the son of Levi and Josephine Trowbridge Leedy, was born Oct. 24, 1901 in Indian Territory, Okla. He attended a rural school as a young boy through the eighth grade. He came to Wyoming in 1925 and went to work building the railroad for the Great Western Sugar Co. While working he homesteaded near Laramie Peak. He was married to Alice Jenkins in Gering, Neb. on Aug. 15, 1933. After they were married they moved to his homestead and built their home themselves. They lived there until they sold it, and then moved to Horse Creek to work for Great Western, for six years. They then went to work on construction in the western part of the United States. In 1965 he retired from construction work, and moved to his ranch-farm in Arkansas. They ran a few head of cattle on the land. They moved back to Wheatland in June 1978 because of ill health. They made their home there until the time of his death. When he was younger he enjoyed breaking horses, and he also enjoyed baseball. He formed a baseball team with his co-workers at the sugar company and they played teams in the surrounding area. He was a past member of the Odd Fellows.

He is survived by his wife, Alice, of Wheatland, and two sisters; Lela Hartwick and Wilda Riley, both of St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Orren Leedy; and one sister, Opha Atkins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 7, at 2 p.m. at the Schrader-Prell Funeral Chapel with Daniel D. Barcus officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Phil Jenkins, Ken Babbit, Jack Jenkins, Rolan Zimmerman, Harry Hattan and Darwin Jenkins.

The Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.