

# Obituaries

## Herbert George Merbach

*October 7, 1917 – November 29, 2010*

A funeral service for Herbert George "Herb" Merbach, 93, will be conducted at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, December 2, 2010, at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Pastor Skip Perry officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died Monday, November 29, 2010, at the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home in Wheatland.

Herb was born October 7, 1917, in Leader, Saskatchewan, Canada, the son of Emma Ida (Drube) and John F. Merbach. The family settled in Wheatland 1919. Herb graduated from Wheatland High School in 1935, and attended the University of Wyoming for one year.

Music was an important part of Herb's life. In the late thirties and early forties he played the saxophone in the Art Crawford band in Guernsey, with the Stan Palmer band of Sunrise, and the Dearinger band in the Wheatland area. Later in life he played special music at his church, the United Methodist Church.

On September 12, 1939, Herb and Helen Louise "Peg" Cornwall were married and made their home in Wheatland where they raised their son, John.

Herb worked at Buechner Drug and Capitol Ice and operated his own photography business in

Wheatland. He worked for the Fire Department at Fort F.E. Warren in Cheyenne and the Wheatland Rural Electric Association prior to his entering the U.S. Army in 1943. He served with the Eager Beavers of the 1303rd Regiment in Europe and in the Philippine Liberation. After his discharge from the Army in 1946, he returned to work for the REA for over 30 years. He started as a Lineman and retired as Operations Manager. During this time, Herb also served on the Wheatland Town Council. Herb and Peg enjoyed gardening and golfing together. He was also an avid fisherman and hunter.

Herb is survived by a sister, Eleanor Jones of Cody, Wyoming, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Helen on December 21, 2005; a son, John Merbach; six sisters and three brothers.

Memorials to the United Methodist Church, 909 - 9th Street, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the funeral chapel from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday.

Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland is entrusted with the arrangements. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.gormanfh.com](http://www.gormanfh.com).