

## Frederick Carl "Fritz" Merback

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Funeral services for Frederick Carl "Fritz" Merback, 87, were held Friday, June 5, 1992, at 10:30 a.m., at the United Church of Christ in Wheatland, with the Rev. Dr. James S. Vuocolo officiating. Interment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery with the Masonic Lodge No. 16 A.F. & A.M. conducting graveside rites.

Mr. Merback died suddenly Tuesday, June 2, 1992 at the emergency room at Platte County Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 17, 1905 in Madison, Minn., the son of John and Emma (Drube) Merback. As a young boy he moved with his family to North Dakota, and then to Saskatchewan, and British Columbia, Canada. In 1919, the family moved to Wheatland where he graduated from Wheatland High School in 1925.

He attended business school in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was married to Freda Grant in Wheatland in 1927, and she died in 1934. He was then married to Lena Ebert on June 1, 1939 in Scottsbluff, Neb.

He worked as a custodian for the Platte County School District in Wheatland until 1943. He then became the bulk agent for Amoco Oil for 24 years in Wheatland. He retired in 1967, and in his retirement years he enjoyed gardening, playing golf and going fishing. He was the Past Master of the Wheatland Masonic Lodge NO. 16 A.F. & A.M., and Past Noble Grand of the International Order of Odd Fellows. He was also a member of the Korcin Shrine Temple in Rawlins, Wyo., and was a former member of the Wheatland Town Council.

He is survived by his wife, Lena, of Wheatland, and four children, Don Merback, Rick Merback and Joe Merback, all of Casper, and Nancy Smalley of Beaumont, Tex. He is also survived by three sisters, Ethel Pickhardt of Conway, Ark., Emma Watkins of Roy, Utah, and Elanor Jones of Cody, Wyo., a brother, Herb Merback of Wheatland, nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, three sisters and two brothers. Serving as pallbearers were Greg Horton, Larry Lebsack, Eldon Randall, Morris Stille, Lee Dunham and Dale Tatman.

A memorial to the United Church of Christ would be equally appreciated by the family. The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.