

John Justice Olmstead

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Funeral Services for John Justice Olmstead, 78, were held Friday, March 5, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. at the Platte Funeral Chapel in Wheatland, with the Reverend Delbert Dick officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Olmstead died Saturday, February 27, 1993 at the Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado.

He was born May 9, 1914, in Hurley, South Dakota, the son of John Henry and Eva M. (Virley) Olmstead.

He was reared and educated in the Hurley area. He came to the Chugwater/Wheatland area in 1937 with his father to do masonry work.

He married Mary Goertz in Wheatland on October 29, 1938. During his life he worked as a mason, logger, road construction worker, railroader, farmer, and lastly auto mechanic.

He was an old-time fiddler and won the Wyoming State Old-Time Fiddler contest several times. He also enjoyed fishing. He was a member of the American Sunday School Union now known as the American Missionary Fellowship.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, of Wheatland; two children, Wallace Olmstead of Wheatland and Georgia Murray of Cheyenne.

Other survivors include a sister, Edith Harkness of Deming, Washington, two grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, and eight step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Julia Ann and five sisters.

Serving pallbearers were Gregor Goertz, Charles Goertz, Larry Redding, Rodney Redding, Boyd Wiggam and Michael Wiggam.

A memorial to the American Lung Association would be appreciated by the family.

The Platte Funeral Chapel was in charge of the ar-