

Dr. L. B. Secrest Dies Suddenly Sunday



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Photo by Pam Pi

Platte county was deeply shocked and saddened Monday morning when they learned of the sudden and untimely death of Dr. LaRue Benjamin Secrest Sunday night at his home of a heart attack.

"Doc" was born in Crawford, Nebr. on July 8, 1912, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Secrest, and passed away at his home April 21, 1963, at the age of 50. He had not been feeling well for the past several days, friends reported, and became acutely ill that night.

The deceased had served several years in the Navy during World War II, and was a Chief Petty Officer upon his discharge. He came to Wheatland in 1936 to set up business as a chiropractor, and a few years ago sold his practice.

He was a member of the AF & AM Lodge No. 16, Lions Club, and served as secretary of the Wheat-

land Chamber of Commerce for a number of years, served on the town council and was mayor; was a school board member and an active member of the Episcopal church. At the time of his death he was district agent for School District No. 9.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary H. Secrest of Crawford and one daughter, Pamela. His wife, Helene preceded him in death on November 24, 1962.

Funeral services were held from the All Saints Episcopal Church Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Richard L. Shacklet performing the last rites, assisted by The Rt. Rev. J. Wilson Hunter. Burial was in the Wheatland cemetery.

Pallbearers were Don Borthwick, Howard Fish, Sid Werner, Frank Robinson, Hal Ashenurst and Darrow Blow.