

SLENTZ, ROBERT MAXWELL
December 3, 1918-April 5, 2000

Funeral services for Robert Maxwell Slentz, 81, were held Saturday, April 8, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. the United Church of Christ with Reverend Karen Chenoweth officiating.

Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Wyoming Air National Guard Flag Heritage Team of Cheyenne.

Mr. Slentz died Wednesday, April 5, 2000, at United Medical Center West in Cheyenne.

Mr. Slentz was born December 3, 1918, in Sterling, Kan. to John R. and H. Gertrude (Clark) Slentz.

As he grew up on a farm with three brothers and two sisters, he developed a life-long love of the land.

Mr. Slentz served honorably in the United States Army during World War II, and in 1945, married his wife, Winnie F. Crouch, while serving as an Army instructor in Texas.

He was a graduate of Kansas State University with dual degrees in Civil Engineering and Business Administration.

Following graduation, Mr. Slentz worked for the Kansas Highway Department and later spent 30 years with Ford Motor Company's Kansas City Assembly Plant as plant engineer.

After retiring in 1980, he moved to Wheatland where he devoted his time to his family and joined the Jim Geringer family in their farming operation. He had a deep respect for education, and enjoyed reading, politics, fly fishing and the challenge of mechanical design.

He is survived by his daughter and her husband, First Lady Sherri and Governor Jim Geringer of Cheyenne; a brother, Dr. E.J. Slentz and wife Dorothy of Kansas City, Kan.; two sisters, Abbie Kenagy and husband, Cecil, of Wichita, Kan., and Ruby Barclay and husband, Bill of Seattle, Wash.; five grandchildren, Jennifer Geringer of Laramie, Wyo., Val and Chad Seidel of Cheyenne, Rob and Crystal Geringer of Denver, Meri and KC Ramsey of Highlands Ranch, Colo., and Becky Geringer of Cheyenne; seven great-grandchildren, Tim, Cathy and Jamie Shelton, Kay and Jake Seidel, Kaleigh Geringer and Alex Ramsey.

Mr. Slentz was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Winnie F. Slentz on September 11, 1991, two brothers, John Clark Slentz and Dr. W.A. Slentz.

Serving as pallbearers were Rob Geringer, Chad Seidel, KC Ramsey, Tim Shelton, Bob Seidel and Rick Geringer.

Honorary pallbearers were Mike Daly, Dave Stallman, Arley Pease, Gregor Goertz, Bill Vines and Dick LeDoux.

Memorials to the United Church of Christ, P.O. Box 444, Wheatland, WY 82201 or to a charity of the donor's choice in memory of Robert M. Slentz would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.