

Gilbert William Small

4-23-1990
Funeral services for Gilbert William Small, age 89, were held at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland Friday, April 27, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Susan D. Phifer officiating. Interment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Small died April 23 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland following a long illness.

Gilbert William Small was born Nov. 29, 1900 at Ekyn Ranch northwest of Laramie, the son of Hubert Milton and Josephine (Ennis) Small. In 1902 the family moved to Tower Canyon where they homesteaded and lived until 1907. Later they moved to the Springfield Ranch in Mule Creek Valley, where he was reared and educated.

Mr. Small attended Iowa State University and graduated in 1924. He then returned to the ranch, and on Nov. 9, 1930, he married Eunice Wickam. In 1945, he purchased the ranch from his parents and they remained there until 1984, when they moved into town.

Mr. Small served in the State of Wyoming Legislature for three terms in the House of Representatives

and one four-year term as a State Senator. He was a 50-year Past Master of the Wheatland Masonic Blue Lodge and the Wyoming Consistory, and a 10-year member of the Order of Eastern Star. He was also a past patron of the Order of Eastern Star and a Shriner. He was past president of the Platte County Farm Bureau, and a member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association. Mr. Small was also a life member of the United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Eunice of Wheatland, and a son, Milton of Wheatland, and a daughter, Elizabeth Laumeister of Saratoga. A sister, Helen White of St. Petersburg, Fla., and grandchildren Gary and Kenneth Small, Debbie Blow, Traute Parrie, John and Shirley Nye and seven great-grandchildren also remain.

Serving as pallbearers were Gary Small, Kenneth Small, John Nye, Mike Parrie, Keith Blow and Morgan Wickam.

A memorial has been established to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital, Fairfax Avenue and Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 24103.

The Platte Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.