

## Oscar Sparks, 82 Succumbs At VA Hospital

*8-10-1971*  
Oscar D. Sparks, well known Platte County rancher and retired railroader, died Tuesday, August 10 at the V. A. Hospital in Cheyenne, following an extended illness. He was 82. Born in Beatrice, Nebr., March 20, 1889, Sparks first lived in the Wheatland area about 1920. In December of 1923 he married the former Hazel Dailey Kane of Mystic, Iowa who had resided in Wheatland since 1909. The couple moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he was employed as a railroad inspector by the Union Pacific railroad. Retiring after a 25 year career with UP, they returned to Wheatland to live on a ranch six miles south of town. He also was a veteran of WWI, serving 18 months in Europe with the U. S. Army. He was affiliated with the Methodist Church and was a member of the VFW and the Union Pacific Old Timers.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel, a son, Jerry of Casper, three daughters, Mrs. Dayle Butner of Wheatland, Mrs. William K. Anderson of Cheyenne, and Mrs. Clyde Yost, of Laramie, a sister, Mrs. Mable Brooks, Palm Springs, Calif., a brother, Leslie, of Torrington and 12 grandchildren. A twin brother, Roy, of Fruitland, Ida., preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday, August 13, 1971 at 1:00 p.m. at the Wheatland Methodist Church with Rev. Henry Hartberg officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery. Pallbearers are W. I. Sutherland, Leo Kernan, Don Borthwick, Victor Gudahl, Tom Atkinson, and John Bohmont. Honorary pallbearers are Fritz Drube, William Graves, Cliff Stafford, Dr. O. B. Wilson and Andy Kendig.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

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