

C. J. Stafford Passes Away At Home Thursday

4-19-1973
Clifford James Stafford, 79, a retired rancher and rural letter carrier, died suddenly last Thursday at his home in Wheatland after an extended illness.

Mr. Stafford's parents homesteaded in the Chugwater area. They came west in an immigrant wagon. He was born in Volney, Iowa on Nov. 15, 1893. He married Zazel Stinnette. Mr. Stafford was a veteran of World War I. He was affiliated with the Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Laramie Peak Stockgrowers Association, Wyoming Stock Grower's Association, B. P. O. Elks No. 660, National Rural Letter Carriers Association and the Chugwater Lions Club.

Mr. Stafford is survived by his wife Zazel, four children, James Stafford, Chugwater, Wyo.; Mrs. John Chasteen, Chugwater, Wyo.; Mrs. Wayne Harris, Encampment, Wyo.; Mrs. Lloyd Dayton, Cheyenne, Wyoming. One son, Kenneth, preceded him in death. He is also survived by two brothers, J. W. Stafford, Hisperia, Calif., Robert Stafford, Elk Grove, Calif. and two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Cory, Alhambra, Calif., and Mrs. Phylis Ratliff, Thousand Oaks, Calif. Nine grandchildren and three great grandsons also are survivors.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 23, 1973 at 11:00 a.m. at the Chugwater Methodist Church, with the Rev. Clarence Smith officiating. Interment will be at the Wheatland Cemetery. Pallbearers are: Richard McMillan, John Baker, Ken Kennedy, Kent Beard, Greg Horton, and Russell Chasteen. Honorary Pallbearers are: Don Winkler, Stanley Meeker, Ernest Lutzke, Willard Baker, Warren Jackson, Don Swanson, W. K. Enix, Leslie Penick, Fred Steinacher, John Kennedy, Tom Tarpley, and Russell Staats.