

Henry Steeley

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Henry Steeley, 82, died at his home Thursday on July 17.

Steeley was born June 12, 1898, in Merkel, Russia, the son of Jacob and Mary Reichert Steeley. He came to America with his parents in 1908 at the age of 11 years. The family lived in Ft. Collins, Colo.

In 1919, he married Mary Mitchell. They moved to Wheatland in 1940. They made their home here and farmed in this area, raising a family of nine children. After he retired from the farm, Henry worked for a short time for the Wheatland Lumber Co. and was also associated with Steeley Construction Co.

He was a lifetime member of the Lutheran Church and the A.A.L. Association.

In 1970, he was united in marriage to Lucie Renner in Saginaw, Mich.

He is survived by his wife, Lucie, of Wheatland; five sons: Harold, LeRoy, and Dwaine, all of Wheatland; Wilbur of Douglas, and Donald of Torrence, Ca.; four daughters: Edna Knaus of Ft. Collins, Irene Nickel, Elsie Nickel, and Mary Ann Wilhelm, all of Wheatland; one step-daughter, Iris Kunert of Erfurt, Germany; four brothers: George, William and Fred, all of Ft. Collins; and Jake of Sturgis, S.D.; and two sisters, Eva Cox and Kate Neisent, both of Ft. Collins; 25 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Mary, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 19, at 3 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church. The Rev. Emmet Rogness officiated. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Robert Knaus, Gerald Steeley and Bill Wilhelm. Serving as pallbearers were Jerry Knaus, Ronald Nickel, Gene Steeley, Larry Steeley, Randy Steeley and Barry Wilhelm.

A memorial has been established to the Platte County Memorial Hospital. The Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.