

He was married to Deena Judge on May 1, 1926 in Wheatland. She preceded him in death on Sept. 23, 1978.

In 1926 he became affiliated with the Elkins-Straw Chevrolet Company. He owned the Hudson automobile agency from 1928 to 1937. He served as Wheatland City Clerk and Manager from 1940 to 1944. Then he became associated with Dr. J.G. Allison and Dr. William Rosene at the Wheatland General Hospital.

He owned and operated Straw Drug and Jewelry Store for 11 years. He owned a farm on Hightower Road near Wheatland, now known as "Straw's Corner." He operated the farm and raised registered Angus cattle. He also owned the Wheatland Elevator from 1957 to 1968.

He was married to Marie Hageman on Feb. 3, 1980 in Douglas. They lived in Wheatland during the spring, summer and fall, wintered in Mesa, Ariz.

Bob, Mel Short and John Phifer were instrumental in forming the present Phifer Field, the local airport. He served as president of the Wheatland Lions Club and president of the Flying Farmers International.

He was a member of Wheatland Masonic Lodge #16, A.F.&A.M., York Rite; Korien Temple in Rawlins, Order of Eastern Star, Wheatland Chapter #11; and also served as president of the Wally Byam Caravan (Wyoming Unit). He was also involved in the group that developed the Wheatland Golf Course.

He is survived by his wife, Marie, of Wheatland and Douglas, one daughter, Joanne Lewis of Wheatland, two stepsons, Bob Hageman and Joe Hageman, both of Douglas, a sister, Mabel Jones of Wheatland, three grandchildren, Robert Lewis, Ronald Lewis and Jon Lewis, great-grandchildren Alayne Lewis, and Carlyann Lewis, three step-grandchildren, Tracy Porter, Tiffany Hageman and T.J. Hageman, and a nephew, William R. Jones, of Wheatland.

Serving as pallbearers were Rob Lewis, Ron Lewis, Jon Lewis, Bob Hageman, Joe Hageman, and T.J. Hageman. Serving as honorary pallbearers were all of his many friends.

A memorial to the Wheatland Services for Seniors or to the Laramie Peak Museum would be equally appreciated by the family. The Platte Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

## Robert M. Straw

12-24-1995

Funeral services for Robert M. Straw, 87, were held Thursday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Wheatland, with the Rev. Dr. James S. Vuocolo officiating. Interment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery, with Masonic graveside rites conducted by the Wheatland Masonic Lodge No. 16, A.F.&A.M.

Mr. Straw died Monday, Dec. 24 at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Straw was born Nov. 17, 1903, in Marion, Ohio, the son of Charles and Jenny (Moore) Straw. He was reared and educated in Ohio. As a young boy, he worked as a paper delivery boy for publisher Warren G. Harding, who later became the President of the United States.

Upon graduation from high school, he completed an apprenticeship in pharmacy at Ohio State University. He moved to Wheatland in 1924 where he worked for Dr. Huffman at the Pioneer Pharmacy, and for Dr. Thompson at a pharmacy in Cornsney. He also worked for Joe and Davey Campbell at Campbell's Cafe.