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WILLIAM I. "BILL" SUTHERLAND

Services for William I. "Bill" Sutherland, 83, who died April 12, 1982 at Platte County Memorial Hospital following a brief illness, will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Schrader-Prell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dan Barcus officiating.

He was born Dec. 21, 1898 in Cheyenne, the son of Chester B. and Clara Bettelyoun Sutherland who were homesteaders along the Laramie River. In the early 1900s the family moved to a homestead in the Terry, Mont., area where Bill received his education. In 1918 the Sutherlands moved back to Wheatland where Bill was employed at the Park to Park Garage.

On Dec. 25, 1927 he married Hildred Fletcher and they held various ranching positions at the McCormick, Templin-Brown, and Shaw ranches in the Wheatland area. In 1938 Bill was elected sheriff of Platte County and held that position for the next 28 years, one of the longest held elected positions in the state at the time of his retirement in 1966. He then worked part time in the law enforcement radio office and later for the Schrader-Prell Funeral Home.

Bill was a member of the IOOF, Moose Lodge, Masonic Lodge, Wyoming Consistory, Shrine, and various law enforcement organizations during his tenure as sheriff.

Survivors include his wife, Hildred; two daughters, Mildred Curtis and Laural Krueger of Wheatland; three grandchildren, Debbie McGuire, Kelly Murphy and Kort Kreuger; one great-granddaughter, Alyx McGuire; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be given to the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Bill Sutherland's memory.

Burial will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Schrader-Prell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.