

## Merlin Welty, 66 Succumbs To Brief Illness

4-22-1971  
Merlin L. Welty, 66, a resident of Chugwater, died Thursday, April 22 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born in Stanhope, Iowa March 30, 1905 and had been a resident of the Chugwater area since 1910. On July 22, 1927 he was married to Shirley E. Arbogast in Casper. Mr. Welty was the owner of a service station in Chugwater since 1938. The deceased was an active member of the AF&AM Lodge No. 23 in Chugwater.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; three children, Larry Welty of Casper, Mrs. Roy (Fero) Hitt, Wheatland and Mrs. Terry (Audrey) Jarvis of Laramie; two brothers, Ed and Don Welty, both of Wheatland; five sisters, Mrs. Jeanette Lutze, Chugwater, Mrs. Bessie Gossett, Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Elizabeth Mace, Ojia, California, Mrs. Florence Moore, Hemet, Calif., Mrs. Leona Voorhees, Richland, Washington; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 24, at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church with Rev. Clarence Smith officiating. Masonic rites were performed at the graveside. Pallbearers were Carl Good, Alvah Good, John L. Baker, Mick Miller, Richard McMillan and Bert Gillaspie. Honorary pallbearers were George Brooks, John Chasteen, Burl Nickeson, Lester Baker, Denzil Blow and Darrow Blow.

Interment was at the Wheatland Cemetery with the Schraeder Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

Friends who prefer may contribute to the Chugwater Methodist Church memorial fund.