

WOOLSEY, CHARLES V.  
1873-July 3, 1953

Charles V. Woolsey, 79, a long-time resident of Wheatland, passed away at a local hospital Friday morning July 3 at 1 p.m., following his collapse while on a fishing trip with Luther Strickler Tuesday June 30.

Mr. Woolsey and Mr. Strickler left Wheatland Tuesday morning to go on a fishing trip to the North Laramie river. Arriving at a lake in the vicinity they fished until noon and after lunch they journeyed on to the river, and fished together until about 3:30 when they separated, with Strickler fishing down stream and Mr. Woolsey going upstream.

The two arranged to meet at about 4:30 at a designated place. When Mr. Woolsey failed to show up at the appointed time, Mr. Strickler began a search for his companion, locating him about 5:45. Mr. Woolsey had collapsed at the top of a short rise from the creek on his way back to the car. He had apparently sat down to rest after climbing the hill and had then fallen forward on his face, the result of a heart attack from the strenuous exercise on a warm afternoon.

Fortunately it was possible to drive the car close to where Mr. Woolsey had fallen, but Mr. Strickler having recently been confined to a hospital, found it impossible to lift his friend into the car. He then went to the Darst ranch to call for an ambulance and obtained the help of Glen Shockley and Dale Tatman who returned with him to help care for Mr. Woolsey.

Placing the stricken man in the car, the trio started for town at once and soon met the Schrader ambulance to which Mr. Woolsey was transferred and rushed to the Wheatland General hospital arriving there about 8 p.m.

Mr. Woolsey never regained consciousness after reaching the hospital passing away at one o'clock the morning of July 3.

Final rites were held for the deceased at the Christian church in Wheatland Monday afternoon, July 6, with Mr. Maynard Woudsma, minister in charge of the service. The IOOF lodge had charge of the graveside service.

Pallbearers were Lawrence Moulding, Gustaf Graefe, Leonard Weber, Luther Strickler, Chester Harter and Wilmer Beran.

Mr. Woolsey is survived by two sons, George and Boyd of Wheatland; two daughters, Mrs. John Osborn and Mrs. William Sand of Buffalo; three sisters, Mrs. Lenora Judge, Wheatland, Mrs. Grace Hall Stillwater, Okla., and Mrs. Madge Frizell, Joplin, Mo.; four brothers, Ernest of Ashbury Park, N. J., Ear, Los Angeles, Calif., Clarence, Randall, Kans., and Clyde, Cheyenne; ten grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.