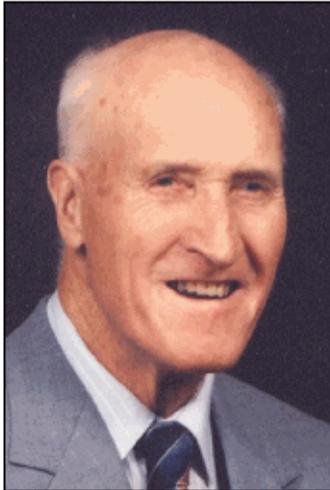


September 29, 2006

Wayne M. Phillips



- Wayne M. Phillips, 100, of Aberdeen, died Sunday, September 24, 2006, at Avera Mother Joseph Manor. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 29, at First United Methodist Church, 502, S. Lincoln St., Aberdeen, with Reverend Eldon Reich officiating. Burial will be held at Riverside Memorial Park at 1:00 p.m.
- Wayne M. Phillips was born to Cornelia (Medow) and Danial Thomas Phillips on June 26, 1906 at Pilot Rock, Oregon, the fifth of eleven children. As a small child the family moved to Montana and later homesteaded near McLeod where Wayne helped build not only the log house, but also other log buildings. He attended rural school near McLeod. Later he worked on area ranches and did other odd jobs to supplement the family income.
- In 1928 Wayne attended Coyne Electric School in Chicago, Illinois. He returned to Montana and in 1931 started work as a substitute Railway Mail Clerk. On January 1, 1936 he began a permanent position, headquartering in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Here he met and later

married Jessie Prather on June 23, 1937. They lived in Aberdeen until moving to the Prather family farm in 1951. Wayne retired in 1964 and farmed and raised a few cattle. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and attending auction sales. His number for Jark Auctions was #1. Collecting, polishing and reselling old tools, as well as collecting barbed wire, were his hobbies. His wire collection is on display in Centennial Village at the Brown County Fairgrounds.

- Wayne was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Aberdeen where he faithfully attended the Men's Forum. He was a life member of the Brown County Sportsman Club. He was also involved in a bird watching club, NARFE, various barbed wire organizations and he served on the Bath School Board and the Bath Township Board. Wayne and Jessie attended and displayed wire at many barbed wire shows in several states.
- With Jessie's failing health they moved to an apartment in Aberdeen in 1997. Up until this time, Wayne cut wood, shoveled snow and planted a large garden. Jessie passed away November 13, 1997. Wayne remained physically active until the last year of his life. His mind was always sharp and he continued to be an active reader of the newspaper and numerous magazines.
- Survivors include two children, Patricia (C. William) Dennert, Frederick and Lyle Phillips, Marble Falls, Texas; five grandchildren, Jeffery (Stacey) Tveit, Chamberlain; Nita (Mike) Lane, Bettendorf, Iowa; Lorrie (Curt) Stanfield, Rosedale, Indiana; Lynne (John) delaRosa, Plainsboro, New Jersey; Stacey (John) Bernauer, Porsippany, New Jersey; four step-grandchildren, Christie Jesser, Johnstown, Colorado; Vickie Reich, Charles (Lisa) Dennert and William (Tammy) Dennert all of Frederick; twelve great-grandchildren, one sister, Mescal Douglas, Laguna Woods, California and several nieces and nephews.
- Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife of 60 ½ years, Jessie, five sisters and four brothers.
- Active casket bearers will be Charles Dennert, William Dennert, Jeffrey Tveit, Curtis Stanfield, Arne Svarstad and Lance Koch.
- Honorary casket bearers will be The Bird Watching Club and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.