

## Frank D. Helmer Laid To Rest Saturday

Funeral Services were held for Frank D. Helmer at the M. E. Church in Ten Sleep last Saturday afternoon; Wm. Moncur having charge of the services with Bishop Myron Porter and G. M. Porter being the speakers. A large crowd of old friend and neighbors attending. Music was furnished by the Worland Latter Day Saints choir being: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sprague, Mrs. Tolman, Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Wallwork, Mrs. Whitlock, Mr. Partridge, Chester Nelson assisted by G. M. Porter of Kane.

The pall bearers were: Porter Lamb, Ed. Carothers, Lorenzo French, Frank Wood, Clarence Sheldon and Ray Brown, all of whom had known Mr. Helmer for years.

Frank D. Helmer was born in 1850 in Iowa, the son of George Helmer and Eunice Polly Helmer and lived on the Iowa farm until he was sixteen years of age. In 1872 he came west to the Black Hills in South Dakota and engaged in the stock raising business there and in Nebraska until 1888 when he came to Wyoming and bought the ranch now owned by Wm. Atkinson near the Big Trails post-office. Not many years ago Mr. Helmer owned many head of fine cattle and horses and his ranch was well known over that part of the country.

Mr. Helmer was married in Nebraska before coming to Wyoming, to this union were born four children. Charles, Benjamin, Joseph and a daughter now Mrs. Myrtle Godfrey. The son Benjamin died in 1920, the other three are living and were all here at the time of his death. A sister Mrs. Amanda Lehman lives at Worland and Mr. Helmer was living with her at the time of his death. There is a brother Jake living in Minnesota and a sister in Butte, Montana. The mother passed away many years ago.

Later Mr. Helmer remarried Mrs. Cora Crowley, this did not prove a success and a divorce was arranged. Years later he again married, this time a lady near his age who passed away a few years ago, she was Sara Ada Wakley who died here in Worland at the Studebaker home; Mrs. Wakley was an aunt of Mrs. C. H. Studebaker.

Mr. Helmer lived the active life of a Wyoming rancher until the last few years when he has gradually been failing and unable to take the hard knocks he was accustomed to. During the past months he has been living in town and has been in quite poor health for some time.

## Frank Helmer Dies

Frank D. Helmer who suffered a stroke of apoplexy several days ago passed away here suddenly about 1:30 this morning at the age of 83.

Mr. Helmer has been a resident of the Big Trails country for many years, coming here in 1887 and engaging in the cattle and horse business. He is well-known throughout the Basin and over the State.

Surviving him a sister, Mrs. Lehman of Worland, where he was living at the time of his death and a brother, Jake in Minnesota, a sister in Butte Montana. Three children also survive him, Charles D. and Joe Helmer of Big Trails and Mrs. Myrtle Godfrey all of whom were here at the time of his death.

Funeral services will be held in Ten Sleep Saturday. No definite time being given yet.

The Grit will print a more complete write up of the life of Mr. Helmer next week.