

DANIEL ALVIN VAN WERT
(1876-1950)

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There are two conflicting birth years given for Dan Van Wert—1872 and 1876

Dan Van Wert was born in East Lyon Illinois on June 19, 1876 and lived in the Big Horn Basin for 44 years and was well known in the area. He married Henrietta (Etta) in 1898 in Nebraska and in 1899 they were joined with a daughter Julia. He is listed as a carpenter in the 1900 census, Boone, Boone County, Nebraska. The family were living in Basin, Big Horn Co, in the 1910 census records; by 1920 they were residents of Worland, WY. Between 1930 and until he retired he and Etta owned and operated Van's Lodge in the Ten Sleep Canyon. He was considered an authority on outdoor and wildlife and had an unusual hobby of making articles out of knotty pine. He passed away on 21 October 1950 survived by his wife, his daughter Julia and three sisters.

He could be seen around the town of Ten Sleep with his knotty pine cane! Fb

Obituary provided by Terril J. Mills - 2014

Dan Van Wert Passes Away

TEN SLEEP — Dan Van Wert, 79, a resident of the Paint Rock and Ten Sleep areas and of Worland for 44 years, died at his home in Ten Sleep Saturday morning following an illness of several years duration.

His wife and their only child, Mrs. Julia Keeler of Portland, Ore., were with him at the time of his death.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday at the Methodist church at Ten Sleep by the Rev. Edward White. The Odd Fellows lodge took charge of committal services in Ten Sleep cemetery.

Van Wert owned and operated Van's lodge in Ten Sleep canyon for many years. He was an authority on nature and the outdoor and wildlife of the area. He was widely known for the unusual articles he made by hand of pine tree knots which he collected from the forests.

He was born in East Lynn, Ill., June 19, 1871. Beside the widow and daughter he is survived by three sisters.



THE LATE Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Van Wert, from a 1949 photograph.

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