

Patricia Janet "Pat"

Atkinson

10-10-1997

Services for Patricia Janet "Pat" Atkinson, 58, were held Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1997, at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Virgil Wilmeth of the Church of Christ of Cheyenne officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery. Mrs. Atkinson died Friday, Oct. 10, 1997, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

She was born March 26, 1939, in Shelby, graduating from Shelby High School and then from the David Lipscomb University in Tennessee. She moved to Wyoming during the summer of 1961 and taught at three rural schools in Albany County; Goodrich 1961-1963; Dunlap Ranch School 1963-1965; and Robbins 1965-1968. Pat worked for three years at the Wheatland Irrigation District and was a dispatcher for the Platte County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff secretary for 15 years. Pat married Thomas D. Atkinson on June 19, 1968, in Laramie, Wyo. Pat held all state offices of the General Federation of Women's Club of Wyoming and served as their president; she was a member of the Wheatland Laramie Dell Club; the Wheatland Garden Club; and was a 4-H leader for the Skyliner's Club for 25 years; active with the Platte County Search and Rescue the past 5 years; a member of the Platte County Peace Officers Association; and of the Church of Christ in Cheyenne. She served on the 4-H leadership council and loved animals and to garden.

Pat is survived by her husband, Tom of Wheatland; a son, Leslie Atkinson of Wheatland; three sisters and three brothers, Cecil Pitney of Newton Falls, Ohio, Joe Pitney of Cabot, Ark., Royce Pitney of North Jackson, Ohio, Peggy Pitney of Tabernacle, New Jersey, Lisa Pitney of Zanesfield, Ohio, and Melissa Channel of Niles, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Serving as pallbearers were Tim Hoffman, Steve Steiner, Einer Mickelson, Gene Kennedy, Ryker Hyche, and Harry Corl.

Honorary pallbearers were Lloyd Johanns, Everett Waln, Wallace Baker, Jim Svalina and her former students.

Memorials to the choice of donor would be appreciated by the family.

The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.