

BAKER, ZELMA BEATRICE FOLAND

May 21, 1900-May 18, 1991

Funeral services for Zelma Beatrice (Foland) Baker, 90, were held Wednesday, May 22, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Wheatland with Pastor Delbert Dick of the American Missionary Fellowship officiating. Interment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mrs. Baker died Saturday, May 18 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland following a long illness.

"Jim" or "Granny" Baker, as she was known to her friends and acquaintances, was born May 21, 1900 at Grand River, Iowa, the daughter of Benjamin F. and Tera (Young) Foland. She grew up and attended school until the 10th grade in Grand River. On Aug. 31, 1918, she married Ralph Baker at Mount Ayr, Iowa.

In 1930, they moved to Wyoming and farmed in the Bordeaux and Slater communities. At the time of retirement, she and Ralph moved to Wheatland where she resided until the time of her death.

"Granny" Baker was an avid knitter and crocheter, making many bedspreads, afghans, pillows, and many baby items for her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends and neighbors.

She is survived by her sons, Edgar E. Baker of Cheyenne, Elston T. Baker of Gardnerville, Nev., and John F. Baker of Slater, and daughters, Iva Redding and Randena Wagner of Wheatland. Also surviving are her sisters, Rosella Fain of Iowa, and Coyla Yeager of Torrington, 12 grandsons, nine granddaughters, 16 great-grandsons, 22 great-granddaughters and one great great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, on June 29, 1975, her brothers, Eldon, Ralph, Herb, Dow and Ike Foland, sisters, Blanche Brammer, Helen Foland and Geneva Fryrear, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.