



Ruth Donna Belden

May 6, 1913 – September 13, 2005

A service of Christian burial for Ruth Donna Belden, 92, was conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 16, 2005, at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Wheatland, with the Reverends Lori Modesitt and Joel Dingman officiating. Inurnment was in the Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland.

She died Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Ruth was born May 6, 1913, in Gage County, Neb., the daughter of Alice (Ellis) and Everett L. Jimerson. She was reared and educated in Morrill County, Neb.; and married Wallace Benjamin Belden Sr. on June 21, 1930, in Torrington. They farmed in Nebraska before moving to Wheatland in 1944; and, ranched and farmed in the Wheatland area for many years. Ruth cooked at the school and in several restaurants over the years as well as cooking for family and friends, which she loved to do. She was a member of the Bordeau Good Luck Club, Cottonwood Club, All Saints' Episcopal Church and the Altar Guild. Ruth had the gift of hospitality and her door was always open to family and friends. She enjoyed playing games, sewing, cooking, was an avid reader, and loved babies.

Survivors include her four children, Donna Belden Pensis of Wheatland, W. Benjamin Belden Jr. and wife, Ethel, of Ft. Collins, Colo., Dale Belden and wife, Jan, of Wright, and Lee Belden and wife, Kelli, of Laramie; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren, three sisters-in-law, Faye Hohnholt of Wheatland, Heather Belden of Bayard, Neb., and Pat Massie of Sheridan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 70 years, Wallace; a twin sister at birth; two brothers, Ralph and Eugene Jimerson; and a grandson, Bruce Belden.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were her granddaughters: Benna White, Connie Thompson, Lisa Troutt, and Amanda Baston and her grandsons: Curt Artery, Kelly Artery, Brett Belden, Brad Belden, Scott Belden, and Tate Belden.

Memorials were to All Saints' Episcopal Altar Guild, P.O. Box 997, Wheatland, WY 82201 or Platte County Memorial Nursing Home, P.O. Box 848, Wheatland, WY 82201.

Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.