

Maude A. Bellis

Funeral services for Maude A. Bellis, 100, were held Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Chet Shaw and Andy Gudahl, ministers, officiating. Interment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Maude Bellis died Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital Nursing Wing in Wheatland.

She was born Sept. 13, 1890, at Grant City, Mo., the daughter of Lewis and Catherine (Adams) Elliott. She was reared and educated in Grant City and then attended music school at Highland Park College in Des Moines, Iowa.

On March 12, 1919, she married William B. Bellis in McCook, Neb. The couple then moved to Wheatland where she had lived until her death.

She taught many people piano lessons throughout the state. She played piano for First Christian Church for more than 25 years.

For years, she served as a Gray Lady at the hospital. She was a 50-year member of the Eastern Star and the Chapter R PEO. She was also a member of the First Christian Church.

She is survived by two sons, Robert E. Bellis of Boulder City, Nev., and James E. Bellis of Wheatland, and two daughters, Jeanne Drucker of Wheatland and Shirlee Neill of Stanford, Mont. Twelve grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren also remain.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, eight brothers and sisters and two grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Steve Connolly, Russ Chasteen, Bill Shepard, Bob Shepard, Keith Blackhawk and Howard Johnson. Honorary pallbearers were Don Sherard, Bryce Orr, John Allen, Ed Kendig, Don Hoffman, Del Landen and George Good.

A memorial to the First Christian Church would be equally appreciated by the family.

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