

Laura Birkle

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Funeral services for Laura Birkle, 79, will be held today (Wednesday, March 16, 1994) at 2 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Wheatland, with the Rev. Dr. James S. Vuocolo officiating. Interment will follow in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mrs. Birkle died Friday, March 11, 1994 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland. She was born Dec. 25, 1914 in Fort Collins, Colo., the daughter of Dave and Eva (Mitchell) Lockman. She was reared and educated in Fort Collins.

She then moved to Wheatland where she met and married Edward Birkle on May 23, 1939. In 1956, she started working for Quality Cleaners, which she eventually owned and operated until her retirement in 1980. She continued to reside in Wheatland until the time of her death.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose.

She is survived by her three children, Don Birkle, Bill Birkle and Judy Scheller, all of Wheatland. Also surviving are two brothers, Robert Lockman of Grand Junction, Colo., and Willard Lockman of Wheatland, three sisters, Wilma Smith of Rock Springs, Wyo., Mary Wolf of Denver, Colo., and Irene Murray of Wheatland, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Larry Birkle, and three brothers, Walter, Ben and Ray Lockman.

Serving as pallbearers will be Darin Birkle, Mark Birkle, Vincent Birkle, Kevin Lockman, Tim McGuire and Larry Barrett.

A memorial to the United Church of Christ would be appreciated by the family.

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

Family and friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday evening until 8 p.m., and today from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.