

Kathleen Brighton

March 19, 1916 – July 24, 2008

A graveside service and inurnment for Kathleen Brighton, 92, will be conducted at 1:30 P.M., Sunday, September 7, 2008, in the Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland, Wyoming, with Reverend Jane Willis of the United Church of Christ officiating. Cremation has taken place.

She died Thursday, July 24, 2008, at the Kimball County Manor in Kimball, Nebraska.

Kathleen was born March 19, 1916, in Wheatland, the daughter of Robert and Hazelle (Merrill) Ferguson. She was reared and educated in Wheatland, graduating from Wheatland High School in 1934. She attended Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri and then the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming, where she received an associate degree in 1936. While attending the University of Wyoming, she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. After receiving her degree, she was employed as a secretary for Wortham Machinery in Cheyenne. On December 4, 1938, she married Kenneth R. Brighton in Wheatland. Following World War II, they purchased the Pioneer Pharmacy in Wheatland and operated this business for 17 years. In 1963, they moved to Thermopolis, Wyoming and upon retiring in 1976, moved back

to Wheatland. Kathleen was a lifelong member of the United Church of Christ where she was a 4th generation member and served as Sunday school teacher, church secretary and treasurer, and was on the Board of Trustees. She was a board member of Platte Manor Apartments; a member of the Dorcas Society of the church; and a 50-year member of the P.E.O. sisterhood and past president of the Wyoming State Chapter of P.E.O. Kathleen enjoyed traveling and loved her family and all of her friends that she knew statewide.

Survivors include her sons, Kraig (Judie) Brighton of Kimball and Keith (Betsey) Brighton of Red Lodge, Montana; daughters, Kerry (Ed) Fraser of Lilliwaup, Washington and Karen Brighton of Loveland, Colorado; seven grandchildren, Kelley Rogers, Megan Barber, Kara Brighton, Kenna VanPelt, Maureen Eldridge, Katy Brighton, and Libby Johnson; nine great grandchildren; and two nieces, Colleen Metzler and Terry Ann Frick.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Robert; and grandson, Mathew Tompkins.

Memorials to the P.E. O. Chapter AW Scholarship Fund or Vista Villa would be appreciated by the family.