

# Esther Luetta Brown

December 30, 1923 – January 4, 2016

Esther Luetta Brown, aged 92, of Wheatland passed away on Monday, Jan. 4 at the Douglas Care Center in Douglas.

Esther was born on Sunday, Dec. 30, 1923 in Naper, Neb. to Henry and Katherine (Roth) Schroetlin.

On June 25, 1943, Esther married Spencer Bales Henderson, a farmer from Ainsworth, Neb. Three daughters and one son were born to their union. They resided on Spencer's farm & in town until they divorced in 1964.

Esther then moved to Wheatland with her two youngest daughters. On July 22, 1965 Esther married Robert Charles Brown, the local game warden, and they resided at the Wyoming Game & Fish house until his retirement. Esther gained two step-daughters, Jeanne and Carmen in this union.

Living on the farm, Esther gardened, canned their food, and did the farm chores, as well as raising the four children. When she was not being a busy farm wife, she did sewing, quilting, embroidery, and spent quality time teaching her children games, singing, and life skills they would need. She was a wonderful loving mother and wife.

During her marriage to Robert Brown, she did a lot of patrolling with Bob and many times took her crocheting and handiwork with her. They made many vacation trips to Texas, Mexico, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. One of the highlights to her life was meeting and being photographed with the actor, John Smith.

Esther's family remembers her for her excellent cooking and needlework skills. Notably she

crocheted the Rubiyat (words of wisdom) by Omar Khayyam, as it was a favorite quote of her husband, Bob. It was entered in the fair and won a ribbon, and then was placed in the Laramie Peak Museum so everyone could enjoy it.

She canned and gardened and did her handiwork everywhere she was in life. She had a wonderful sense of humor and loved playing Uno and Yahtzee. She had a big heart and always would lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

Esther is survived by her three daughters, Luetta (Tom) King, Sandy (Jim) Holloway, and Edie (John) Lawrence, all of Wheatland and many beloved grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Charles Brown; her son Robert Spencer Henderson; her ex-husband, Spencer Bales Henderson; and her two step-daughters, Jeanne and Carmen. She was also preceded in death by seven brothers and two sisters.

Memorials to the Platte County Nursing Home, P.O. Box 1031, Wheatland, WY 82201 or the American Heart Association, 110 East Seventeenth Street, Suite 200, Cheyenne, WY 82001 would be appreciated by the family.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 11th & Walnut Streets, Wheatland with Reverend Joe Bair officiating.

The Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.gormanfh.com](http://www.gormanfh.com)