

## Ruth Ellen Browning

1917 to 1996

<sup>3-8-1996</sup>  
Ruth Ellen Browning was born May 21, 1917 in Merna, Neb. She passed away March 8 at Shepherd of the Valley Care Center.

Browning was the fourth child and second daughter of Frederick Grant and Eunice McQuisten Brock. She was raised and educated in the Merna and Broken Bow, Neb., area.

After graduation from Post Graduate Normal Training at Broken Bow High School, Browning worked in the Seed and Feed Loan Department of the County Agent's Office of Custer County.

She married Ernest Dwight Browning April 1, 1938. They had four daughters and lived in the Broken Bow area until 1954 when they moved to Wheatland.

Browning worked at several cafes in Wheatland and in the Laundry Department at Platte County Memorial Hospital. Her hobbies were bird watching and writing. She and her husband spent several winters in New Mexico where she enjoyed exploring the desert.

A highly active member of the community, Browning was a member of Memorial Baptist Church, Wheatland Bible Church, Banner Rebekah Lodge No. 6, Rock Lake Grange, Pleasant Hour Club and Author's Ink.

Browning was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, one sister, two infant daughters and one great-granddaughter.

Browning is survived by her husband Ernest, two daughters Judith Stanley and Helen Bray, her niece Rebecca Neth, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.