

Ellen Marie Burnett

September 13, 1921 – February 7, 2006

Funeral services for Ellen Marie Burnett, 84, were conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11 at the First Christian Church in Wheatland with Denis Van Patten of the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Cheyenne, officiating. Interment with graveside rites conducted by the Order of Eastern Star Wheatland Branch No. 11 will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at Westview Health Care in Sheridan.

Ellen was born Sept. 13, 1921, in Granite Canon, Wyo., the daughter of Anna Marie (Gensel) and Steven Haarup Willadsen. She was educated in Cheyenne graduating from Cheyenne High School. On Dec. 28, 1958, she married Arthur "Buster" Burnett in Wheatland. Ellen Marie spent most of her life in ranching. She was active in the National Purebred Columbia Sheep Association, 4-H and University of Wyoming livestock judging. She was on the Advisory Council for Archer Research. Ellen Marie also enjoyed painting and was an avid artist. She rose to prominence through art shows with some of her work being exhibited in Washington, D.C.

She enjoyed gardening, raising livestock, and playing the piano. Ellen Marie was a member of the Platte County Art Guild, Daughters of the American Revolution, Order of Eastern Star, and a member of the Christian Scientist Church.

Survivors include her two sons, Bill Kesner of Sheridan and Steve Burnett of Wheatland; two brothers, Duane Willadsen and Jack Willadsen both of Wheatland; six grandchildren, Mitchell, David, and Matthew Kesner, Cody Burnett, Christa Kurth, and Coni Burnett; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Buster, on May 25, 1985.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mitchell Kesner, David Kesner, Matthew Kesner, Cody Burnett, Dave Foreman, and Mark Popoff.

Memorials to the Ellen Marie Burnett Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of Platte Valley National Bank, P.O. Box 337, Wheatland, WY 82201-0337, would be appreciated by the family.

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