

Ruth Wilma Croxton

October 24, 1924 – May 5, 2014

A funeral service for Ruth Wilma Croxton, 89, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17 at the First Christian Church in Wheatland with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating. Inurnment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Ruth Croxton was taken home to her Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, May 5 at the Close to Home Hospice in Gillette.

Ruth and her twin brother were born to Nelson and Harriet (Cooksey) Holwell at their family ranch near Osage, Wyo. on Oct. 24, 1924.

She attended country school as a child, then in 1942 graduated from Newcastle High School. Ruth married Donald Charles Croxton on June 24, 1946 at the Methodist Church in Newcastle and Mr. and Mrs. Croxton raised 3 daughters in Upton until 1959 when they moved to Wheatland. Mr. Croxton passed away in 2007 and after spending 49 years in Wheatland, Ruth moved to the Primrose Retirement Community in Gillette in 2010, where she made many good friends. Mrs. Croxton was an active member of the Pleasant Hour Club, Hobby Club and a card club in Wheatland for many years. Grandma Ruth was a formidable opponent at cribbage and dominos; she enjoyed sewing, crafting, making beautiful quilts, and was a true Colorado Rockies fan. As the good and faithful servant she

was, Ruth volunteered cooking meals for all occasions, sang, and played the piano and organ at the First Christian Church for which she was a member for 30 plus years. She also gave her time delivering meals on wheels and was an accomplished baker, homemaker, and cake decorator, her pies, cakes, homemade jellies, and oatmeal raisin cookies were beyond compare. A loving friend, mother and grandmother, being active and spirited until shortly before her death Ruth was quite an inspiration and will be greatly missed.

Ruth is preceded in death by her parents; husband of 60 years, Donald Croxton; and one great-grandchild.

She is survived by her twin brother, Robert Holwell (Patricia) of Hot Springs, S.D ; brother, David Holwell (Katherine) of Upton.,; daughters, Dee Ann Wilhelm (Jerry) of Thornton, Colo., Mary Sue Tlustos (Patrick) of Osage, and Norma Ruth Taylor of Gillette; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

Condolences may be left for the family at <http://www.gormanfh.com>