

Rubie Doyer

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Rubie Constance Charlotte Kallgren Dover was born in Minneapolis, Minn., April 9, 1900. Her parents were C.J. and Anna Bjorling Kallgren.

Rubie graduated from the St. Cloud Training School in Minnesota in 1919 with a degree in education. Her father, having been an Army officer, had spent a great deal of time in the West and had told her many tales of the country. Having decided to witness these tales first hand, she bought a train ticket for Sybille only to learn she could only go as far as Laramie. She met the County Superintendent and was hired to teach the William Taylor School on the upper Sybille.

Her second teaching position was in Chugwater, where she introduced students and women of the community to the game of basketball. She then organized two teams so that the girls would have an opportunity to compete in a sport.

During this time the "school teacher met the cowboy", William E. "Ned" Dover. They were married Aug. 6, 1921, in Wheatland, at the United Church of Christ. They made their home on the ranch on the South Sybille that Ned had purchased in 1915.

She lived there for over 60 years until she moved to Wheatland where she resided until December of 1988 when she was admitted to Platte County Memorial Hospital. One daughter, Nedalyn Testolin, was born to Rubie and Ned in 1929.

Rubie was a charter member of the Laramie Peak CowBelles and its second president. She also served as the 25th president of Wyoming CowBelles. In August of 1988 Rubie was presented with the Pioneer Woman of the Year Award by the Laramie Peak CowBelles for the many contributions she had made to Wyoming's beef industry through her association with the CowBelles.

She was an active member of P.E.O., WTK, Daughters of the Nile, and served as president of each of these organizations. She was a past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star. She also belonged to the Wheatland Study Club and Women of the Moose. At the age of 70 she became the first voluntary transcriber for the blind in Wyoming and transcribed several children's books into Braille.

Rubie passed away on Jan. 24, 1989, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Left to mourn her passing are sister Judith "Jay" Miele, daughter Nedalyn Testolin, granddaughters Lael Good and Conilee Archie, three step-granddaughters, one step-grandson and 10 great-grandchildren in addition to her many friends and acquaintances.

Services were held at the United Church of Christ, Wheatland, Jan. 27, at 11:00 a.m. Interment was at the Wheatland Cemetery with the Reverend Sidney A. Hoadley and Reverend James Vuocolo officiating.

A memorial has been established through the Shriner's Crippled Children's Penny Fund which Rubie was instrumental in developing in the late 1940's. Contributions may be made to Wheatland Club, Daughters of the Nile, in care of Mary Alice Nixon, 4875 Palmer Canyon Road, Wheatland.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of arrangements.