

FULLER, LUCY JOSEPHINE MUNIZZA

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Lucy was born in Tacoma, Washington, and was the first person in her family to be born in the United States. Her parents, Anthony and Caroline Munizza were both born in Italy. When Lucy was still a small girl her family moved to Puyallup, Washington where she grew up on a berry farm as the eldest of four sisters and two brothers.

From the time she was a teenager, Lucy always wanted to travel and as an adult, she got her wish. In 1940, she married Kent Fuller, a civil engineer. His career took them to the Yukon Territory, Canada and then to Alaska which at the time was still a territory. They lived at Kenai and Skagway and were both very active in the drive to make Alaska a state.

Lucy gained the reputation as an outstanding hostess. In 1954 when Governor Frank Hienzelman, a bachelor, invited several senators to Juneau to promote statehood, he flew Lucy from Skagway to plan and host a special dinner for them at the Governor's Mansion.

After leaving Alaska, Lucy and her husband traveled to Mexico, Hong Kong and Japan and lived in Thailand and Viet Nam. Later her husband's career took them to most of the western states and three times to Wyoming.

In 1976, they settled in Wheatland to be close to their grandchildren. Kent passed away in 1981. Lucy remained in Wheatland and was very active in the Episcopal Church Guild and Eastern Star. She also played in Bridge and pinochle leagues. In 2005, she became a resident of Platte County Memorial Nursing Home where she remained active, participating in most of their social activities.

She is survived by a brother, two sons and daughter-in-laws, three grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the All Saints Episcopal Church on May 4. A special memorial service will also be held for her at the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home on May 12 at 2 p.m.