

Annabel Mers Goertz

December 13, 1923 – February 24, 2005

Funeral services for Anabel Mers Goertz, 81, were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Mar. 2 at the United Church of Christ in Wheatland with Pastors Delbert Dick and Scott Hirano officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mrs. Goertz died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at Rio Grande Regional Hospital in McAllen, Texas.

She was born Dec. 13, 1923, in Torrington, the daughter of John Calvin and Elva Effa (Enix) Mers. She was reared and educated in country schools on the Slater Flats south of Wheatland, and graduated from Wheatland High School in 1942. Following graduation, she went to California to work in a bank, and then returned to Wheatland where she worked as a telephone operator during the war. She married Jacob Goertz on Sept. 24, 1946, in Billings, Mont. They resided and farmed on the Slater Flats, and then in 1983 they started wintering in Pharr, Texas. She was a member of the Slater Women's Club and American Missionary Fellowship. She enjoyed card games, square dancing, music, reading, and most of all spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Jake, of Wheatland; four children, Linda Tauger of Wheatland,

Rex Goertz and wife, Cheryl of Fort Worth, Texas, Gregor Goertz and wife, Cindy of Wheatland, and Melody Matheson and husband, Mark of Morrill, Neb.; one brother, Ed Mers of Riverton; twelve grandchildren; one great granddaughter; and one step great grandson.

She was preceded in death by her mother on June 4, 1944, her father on June 8, 1949; and two sisters, Ruth Straw and Nelle Bolich.

Serving as pallbearers were Stefan Tauger, Taylor Goertz, Jason Goertz, Bill Johnson, Matthew Goertz, and Trevor Goertz. Honorary pallbearers were grandchildren: RaeAnn Patton, Nicole Tauger, Tori Goertz, Gwen Johnson, Josh Matheson, and Casey Matheson, special friends: Walt Swan, John Baker, Jim Irvine, Gary Mers, Jim Collier, Bud Dower, and Bud Hitt, and all of her many other friends.

Memorials to Slater Community Hall in care of Lewanna West, 524 Richeau Road, Wheatland, WY 82201 or Platte County Relay for Life in care of Ellie Orr, 1054 Pine, Wheatland, WY 82201, would be appreciated by the family.

Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.