

# Margaret Helen 'Marge' Holmes

May 26, 1922 – June 9, 2012

A funeral service for Margaret Helen "Marge" Holmes, 90, will be conducted at 10:00 A.M. Monday, June 18, 2012 at the Wheatland United Methodist Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Pastor Skip Perry officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Saturday, June 9, 2012 at the Care and Comfort in Spokane, Washington.

She was born May 26, 1922, in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Frank A. and Helen (Sinsky) Dumek, Margaret Helen "Marge" Holmes has been called the "Bohemian Princess" by some. After graduating from high school, Marge and a girlfriend headed to California for a bit of adventure. They worked at the Hollywood Broadway in the cosmetics department for a year. When World War II began, they returned to Chicago where Marge worked for Inland Steel. She headed back to California for a few months; but, returned to Chicago to work for Sinclair Oil Company and the Schubert Theater. This theater was known for its musicals and "South Pacific" was her favorite all-time musical.

While working at the theater she met her future husband, Dr. B. L. "Bill" Holmes. They were married in Chicago November 25, 1950. She and her husband moved to Laramie, Wyoming, in 1952 and Bill went into chiropractic practice with his brother, Earle. They moved to Wheatland in 1954 where her husband began a solo practice and made Wheatland home for the next 53 years! Together Marge and Bill loved to travel and made several trips back East in the fall to see the fall foliage. After her husband's death, November 28, 1997, Marge continued doing things she enjoyed.

She was involved in many endeavors while living those years in Wheatland including working as a clerk at the Golden Rule, a bank, a catalog store or two, and Eloxite. She belonged to "many" clubs while in Wheatland: Hobby Club, Order of Eastern Star, Rebekahs, Christmas Club, United Methodist Women, Garden

Club, GEM Club, Friends of the Library, the Wyoming Royal Wind Red Hat Society, and probably several that have dissolved. Marge collected nuns and monks among other things and was a superb crafter.

She enjoyed playing bingo, pinochle, Black Jack, and the slots. Marge had three cousins who lived in the Chicago area and she met them a couple times a year in Las Vegas. They had a ball each time they met—they were the wild "Sinsky Cousins". She had annual garage sales at her home on 12th Street in Wheatland—over 20 for sure and assisted many people and organizations with their garage, rummage, and estate sales—pricing, marking, selling—she was the "queen". She was an avid Denver Broncos and Colorado Rockies fan

and could give you stats on baseball and football.

Marge continued her love of travel anytime she had the chance—she and her daughter took a trip to Mackinaw Island and more recently an Alaskan cruise. In March of 2006, she had a living estate auction and moved into an apartment that was close to downtown Wheatland, enabling her to walk to her favorite places. In February of 2007, she moved to Spokane, Washington, to be near her daughter and granddaughter. Her trademarks were her wonderful "hats" and her even better "hugs".

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara and granddaughter, Amber both of Spokane; a great-grandson, Nathan of Spokane; and three great granddaughters, Kaitlyn of Denver, and Marisa and Brittany both of Spokane; her Chicago cousins; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, "Doc Holmes".

Memorials to the Wheatland United Methodist Church, 907 – 9th Street, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland is entrusted with the arrangements.



**Marge Holmes**