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Rose K. Keiffer, age 88, of Evansville, WY passed away in Highland, UT on Sunday, June 11, 2017.

Rose was born in Wheatland, WY to Tillie (Patrick) and Robert B. Westwick on April 2, 1929. She grew up in Wheatland and was a majorette at Wheatland High School. Her first job was clerking at the corner Wheatland Drug Store. She lived all of her life in WY with exception of the last three years in UT. In the 1880's Rose's great-grandfather James Westwick and family moved from Illinois and settled in Wyoming Territory on Wagonhound near present day Douglas, which grounded her in this state she loved.

In 1946, Rose married George A. Rhinehart in Wheatland and they had two daughters, Nancy and Bonnie. Tragically, in 1951 George was killed in a horse roping accident at a local ranch. That fall, Rose and girls moved to Casper where she began classes at Casper College held at that time on the top floor of Natrona County High School. She finished her nursing course work through the University of WY and in 1954, graduated as a Registered Nurse.

In 1952, Rose married Robert H. Clark in Torrington, WY. His USDA work with farmers and ranchers took them to Riverton and later to Casper in 1957 where they settled. Two sons, Robert and James, and a daughter, Laurie, were born to this growing family. Rose worked as a nurse in Riverton and in Casper in various capacities. Much of her work was in the emergency room and on 4th surgical floor at Natrona County Memorial Hospital. She enjoyed the care giving aspects of nursing and many people today remember and mention what a wonderful nurse she was to them. A fatal heart attack suffered by Bob in 1968, cut their time together too short.