

Laura Dorothy Kennedy

3-10-1990
Mass for Christian Burial for Laura Dorothy (Lutzke) Kennedy, age 97, was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Wheatland, with Father Malcolm Reid as the Celebrant.

Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery. Laura (Lutzke) Kennedy died Saturday March 10, at the DePaul Hospital in Cheyenne.

Laura was born April 18, 1892, in Dows, Iowa, the daughter of Herman and Caroline (Beisner) Lutzke. She came to Wyoming in 1910 with her parents, who homesteaded in the Iowa Center Community east of Chugwater.

She married John Kennedy, January 28, 1914 in Wheatland, and they homesteaded near Chugwater. They retired 20 years ago and moved to Wheatland.

She was known for her participation in Saint Theresa's Catholic Church in Chugwater, in Goshen and Platte County Extension Clubs, 4-h Clubs, Garden Club, and in the educational and athletic programs in Iowa Center and Chugwater schools.

Laura is survived by a son, Kenneth Kennedy of Wheatland; daughters, Dorothy Stafford of Chugwater, Bernice Jones of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Evelyn Kepford of Hickory, North Carolina, and Mildred Smeenck of Cheyenne, Wyoming; ten grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two grandchildren and four brothers.

Serving as pallbearers were Francis Gard, John Chasteen, Denzil Moxley, Virgil Jackson, Harold Hellbaum and Greg Horton.

A memorial fund has been established to the St. Joseph's Children's Home or to the Wheatland Senior Center.

The Platte Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.