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Betty Jean McAuley

WHEATLAND — A funeral service for Betty Jean McAuley, 82, will be conducted at 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland with the Rev. Skip Perry officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Thursday, April 5, 2007, at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

She was born March 1, 1925, in Wheatland, the daughter of Fred Sylvester and Elta May (Scholle) Searl. She was reared and educated in Glendo and Greeley, Colo.; graduating from Greeley High School in 1943.

During World War II, she and several other young women went to Washington, D.C., where they worked as welders on B-29 bombers. After the war, she returned to Denver, to work for a time and moved to Wheatland in 1949.

She married Mike Mastri-ona in 1947 in Denver and they later divorced.

She married Charles McAuley in 1953 in Cheyenne, and they lived on the McAuley Ranch near Wheatland until their divorce. She worked many years at Vimbo's for Vic White, retiring in 1985. She was an excellent seamstress and master of many crafts includ-

ing refurbishing and dressing recycled Barbie dolls and beading. She was a wonderful cook and loved to dance.

— She was a member of the Wheatland United Methodist Church, the John Prince Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary at Glendo; Women of the Moose; and of special enjoyment was the Red Hat Club.

Survivors include her five children, Fred Mastri-ona and his wife of Wheatland, Ed McAuley and his wife of Wheatland, Dick McAuley and his wife of Casper, Jim McAuley of Wheatland, and Sallie May McAuley of Wheatland; two sisters, Clara Lee Leafgren of Nampa, Idaho and Freddie Lu Weldon of Wheatland; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Mary Margaret Weimer and Pearl May Rider; a half-sister, Olive Edith Searl and a grandson.

She had many friends and touched many lives.

Memorials to the John Prince Unit, American Legion Auxiliary, P. O. Box 274, Glendo, WY 82213 would be appreciated by the family.

Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements. *gc*