

# Marcella Anna McGuire

July 24, 1910 – December 9, 2005

Funeral liturgy and vigil for the deceased, Marcella Anna McGuire, 95, was conducted at 10 A.M. on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Wheatland, with Father Jan Santich as Celebrant. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at her daughter's home in Wheatland.

Marcella was born July 24, 1910, in Harpers Ferry, Iowa, the daughter of Ellen (Cota) and Joseph J. Kernan. She received her early education in Harpers Ferry. She received her training for teaching during her junior and senior years in high school; and received her Normal Training Certificate on her 18th birthday. She taught six years in the rural schools of Allamakee County in Iowa, 1928-1934. She married James H. McGuire Nov. 10, 1933, in Wexford, Iowa. They moved to Wheatland the last of April 1934. In September 1954, she resumed teaching in a one-room mountain school at the foot of Laramie Peak. Times changed and she earned her bachelor of arts in education from the University of Wyoming at Laramie in August 1962; and, later made the difficult transition from the rural school to Wheatland's open classroom. Her philosophy was, "The able child should rise to his responsibility as a student and citizen, while the dull child should be helped to make the best of all he has." In October 1974, she was awarded "Teacher of the Year" and retired from



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teaching in June 1975. She enjoyed family, people, gardening, canning, and quilting into her 80's. Her bright eyes, wink, and smile leave behind many precious memories. A member of Saint Patrick Catholic Church, her strong faith saw her through many trials.

Survivors include eight sons and two daughters, Francis McGuire, Martin McGuire, Joe McGuire, Gene McGuire, Willie McGuire, and Celia Enniss all of Wheatland, Jim McGuire of Chugwater, Harry McGuire of Glendo, Charles McGuire of Torrington, and Mary Nor-

red of Breckenridge, Texas; two brothers and four sisters, Francis Kernan, Gerald Kernan, Genevieve Mohn all of Lansing, Iowa, Alice Conway of Harpers Ferry, Marguerite Schulte of Waukon, Iowa, and Sister Mary Cyrilla of Dubuque, Iowa; 22 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 60 years on Nov. 16, 1993; a brother, Leo Kernan; two sons, Mike McGuire and Eddie McGuire; a grandson, Matt McGuire; great-niece, Rachel Hermann; great-nephew, Joey Hermann; and son-in-law, Gary F. Enniss.

Serving as pallbearers will be Francis McGuire, Jim McGuire, Martin McGuire, Joe McGuire, Harry McGuire, Gene McGuire, and Willie McGuire. Honorary pallbearers will be all of her grandsons.

Memorials to St. Joseph Children's Home, 1419 South Main, Torrington, WY 82240 would be appreciated by the family.

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