

Irene S. Nickel

June 5, 1922-May 29, 2002

Funeral services for Irene S. Nickel, 79, will be held Wednesday, June 5, at 10 a.m. at the Wheatland Bible Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Denzil G. Mauk officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mrs. Nickel died Wednesday, May 29, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Irene was born June 5, 1922, in Fort Collins, Colo., the daughter of Henry and Mary (Mitchell) Steeley.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Collins. Irene was educated in Fort Collins and moved with her family to Wheatland in March of 1940. She married Chester J. "Chet" Nickel on August 26, 1941, in Scottsbluff, Nebr. Irene was a homemaker and helped her husband with the farming. She enjoyed bowling, knitting, and ceramics.

At one time, she made beautiful hats trimmed with pheasant feathers; some have been donated to the Platte County Museum. She was an avid fisherman and loved fishing with her father, husband and brother, LeRoy. Irene also enjoyed playing the slots and traveling with her husband in their motor home.

Irene is survived by a son, Ronald L. Nickel and wife, Arlene of Cheyenne; three brothers, Harold Steeley of Wheatland, Wilbur Steeley of Douglas, and Don Steeley of Cheyenne; one sister, Mary Ann Wilhelm; one grandson, Matthew Allen Nickel and wife, Sharon of Fort Lupton, Colo.; two great grandchildren, Bailey Austin Nickel and Ashley Kate Nickel of Fort Lupton, Colo.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Chet on April 3, 1999; a son, Dwight Eugene Nickel in 1950; two sisters, Edna Knaus and Elsie S. Nickel; and two brothers, LeRoy Steeley and Dwaine Steeley.

Serving as pallbearers will be Don Birkle, Benny Lockman, Freddie Goetz, Terry Bach, Kenny Osberg, and Larry Steeley.

Honorary pallbearers will be her family and many friends.

Memorials to the Wheatland Bible Church, P.O. Box 685, Wheatland, or a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.