

NICKEL, OPAL (PITTS)
FEBRUARY 3, 1918–FEBRUARY 15, 1999

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Opal Nickel

Services for Opal Nickel, 81, were held Thursday, February 18, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wheatland, Wyo. with Pastor Kelly Crabbe of the Concordia Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Colo. officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland.

Mrs. Nickel died Monday, February 15, at the Lutheran Medical Center in Denver, Colo.

Opal was born February 3, 1918, in Helena, Mont., the daughter of Kim and Mary E. (Andrews) Pitts. After Opal was born, the family moved to Casper, Wyo., where Opal graduated from Natrona County High School. She attended the University of Wyoming for a year and on June 9, 1939, she married Leo Nickel in Casper. They made their home near Wheatland where Mr. Nickel farmed. Opal moved to Denver in 1982. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church when she lived in Wheatland and then a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Lakewood at the time of her death. Opal enjoyed crafts, craft shows and exhibiting items at the Platte County Fair; she was a member of the Christmas Club and the Ladies Guild at church.

Opal is survived by three daughters, Sharon Jenkins of Laramie, Wyo., Leoetta Lammey of Lakewood and Donella Pyle of Houston, Texas; a sister, Jewel Laatsch of Wheatland; two brothers, Cecil Pitts of Denver and Russell Pitts of Casper; six grandchildren, Dale Jenkins, Reno, Nev., Greg Jenkins and Brad Jenkins both of Laramie, Heather Lammey of Wheat Ridge, Colo., Alycia Pyle and Michael Pyle both of Houston; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leo Nickel on June 18, 1972; a son, Leon Kim Nickel; a sister, Patricia Cowdin.

Serving as pallbearers were Brad Jenkins, Kenny Jenkins, Lee Laatsch, Cecil Pitts and Carl Cowdin. Honorary pallbearers were Bob Madsen, Tom Badgett, and Keith Lammey.

Memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1004 Willow, Wheatland, Wyo. 82201, American Cancer Society, 1108 - 10th Street, Wheatland, Wyo. 82201 or the choice of the donor would be appreciated by the family.

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