

Beula Ann O'Bryan

February 11, 1917 – August 15, 2011

A memorial service for Beula Ann O'Bryan will be held at Monday August 22, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, Wyoming with Pastor Denzil G. Mauk officiating.

Beula Ann Moore was born February 11, 1917 in Kane, Wyoming to Charles Thomas and Margaret Leona (Hixon) Moore. Beula passed away in the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home on Monday, August 15, 2011 at the age of 95.

The Moore family moved to Platte County in 1920, when Beula was three years old, and established the KMS Ranch on Sybille Creek, west of Shamrock Station. Beula and siblings attended the Sybille country school through 8th grade, then, were sent to board with families in Wheatland to attend high school. She graduated from high school in 1934, when she was 17 years old, completed a year's "Normal Training" and promptly began a teaching career which lasted, on and off, for the next 45 years. As well as teaching in Platte and Albany county schools, she taught for four years in California. She was a valued member of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, Wyoming Education Association (WEA), National Education Association (NEA), and First Christian Church in Cheyenne. The last 18 years of her career, she taught third grade at Buffalo Ridge Elementary in Cheyenne. She retired in 1985 with many honors.

Beula is survived by her daughter, MariLynn (Tim) Eddy of Pocatello, Idaho; daughter, Sharon (Pat) Burris of Wheatland; son, Doug Kafka of Glenrock, Wyoming; and son, Neil (Marsha)

Kafka of Wheatland; step-daughters, Jeannie Graves of Riverton, Wyoming and Kate Ferry of Oakland, California; grandchildren, Festiann (C.J.) Edwards of Casper, Dustin(Carrie) Kafka of Wheatland, Sherilynn (Josh) Burkman of Pocatello, Idaho, and Lisa Cochran of Wheatland; five step-grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and eleven step great grandchildren, plus a host of friends and former students.

Beula was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Doug O'Bryan; two children, Duane and Sylva; step-daughter, Arlene O'Bryan; brother, Tom Moore; sisters, Virgie Preuit, Margaret Gaddis, Dorothy Carey, Doris Cheever; and two grandchildren.

Beula was known far and wide for her hospitality; she loved company and to visit with everybody. She was a hard worker, an esteemed educator, a wonderful and generous cook, renowned especially for her cinnamon rolls and bread baking. She was a gifted storyteller to her enthralled grandchildren and the innumerable students she taught. Beula will be sorely missed by those she leaves behind, but she leaves with a lifetime of priceless memories.

A memorial to the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home, P.O. Box 1148, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.gormanfh.com.