

Mary Olmstead

December 3, 1912 - September 29, 2008

A funeral service for Mary Olmstead, 95, will be conducted at 2:00 P.M., Friday, October 3, 2008, at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Pastor Delbert Dick officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Monday, September 29, 2008, at Mountain Towers Nursing Home in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Mary was born December 3, 1912, in Hillsboro, Kansas, the first born of Corneilus and Lena (Ratzlaf) Goertz. She moved to Wyoming with her parents at the age of five. Mary started school at Bordeaux, but the family spoke German at home and she couldn't understand the teachers. She learned to speak English in the first grade. Mary married John Justice Olmstead at Reverend Noyce's home in Wheatland on October 29, 1938. They raised two children, Wallace and Georgia in the Slater, Wyoming community where she was the postmistress for 30 years. Mary was a community leader for many years and a member of the Slater Women's Club, and the Slater Sunday School where she was secretary and treasurer and taught beginning and primary Sunday school classes. When Mary moved to Wheatland in 1995, she became

a member of the First Christian Church. Baptized in 1967, Mary spent her life in service to the Lord and relied on his strength in her final days. She taught her love of God to her children and to many of the members of the Slater community.

Survivors include her children and their families, Wallace (Carol) Olmstead of Burns, Wyoming and their children, Laurel Peterson, Blaine Jones and Violet Osborn and nine great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren and Georgia (Steve) Murray of Cheyenne and their children, Charlene Mestack, Marc Murray and Justin Morland and two great granddaughters; a sister, Bernetta Ogle of Burns; and a brother, Jacob Goertz of Slater.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband on February 27, 1993; an infant daughter, Julia Ann Olmstead; and several brothers and sisters.

Memorials to the American Missionary Fellowship, in care of 204 Front Street, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the funeral chapel on Thursday from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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