

# Clara Mae Parker

February 3, 1928 - April 30, 2016

A graveside service for Clara Mae Parker, 88, was held Saturday, April 30 at the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland with Pastor Randy Simmons of the Faith Fellowship in Guernsey officiating.

Clara Parker died Monday, Apr. 25 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Clara Mae Parker was born on Thursday, Feb. 23, 1928 in Orrick, Mo. to Etta Mae (Smith) and George Lee Parr. As she got older her and her family moved to Lead, S.D. which is where she graduated from high school. Clara loved being a Lead High School "Golddigger" and talked about it often.

She moved to California as a young adult during World War II and worked for Douglas Aircraft Company. She then met and married Wilbur Allen Parker on Sep. 5, 1953. They returned to the family ranch and sawmill at Laramie Peak west of Wheatland. As their daughters got older they purchased a home in Wheatland where the girls completed their education.

Clara worked for the Platte County School District #1 for many years. First she worked in the elementary lunchroom and then the high school library, all the time keeping a close eye on her children and grandchildren. She also ran the library at the Platte County Memorial Hospital and worked at the gift shop there.

The love of her life passed away in 1984 and Clara retired from the school district in 1987. During her retirement she enjoyed working in her yard, deco-

rating her lovely home, and being with her friends and family.

Clara's greatest joy was her grandchildren. She loved to tell stories about them and they loved to hear them.

She acquired a wonderful friendship with Everett Nagel and they were the best of companions and had a standing Saturday night date at Vimbo's for years.

Clara will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Vicki (Terry) Klevén of Gillette, Lisa (David) Bye of Guernsey, and Bonnie Parker of Wheatland; grandson, Kelly (Penny) Simonton of Wheatland; and great grandchildren, Carlie Bye, Hunter Bye, Kelly (Angela) Simonton Jr., and Kortni Simonton.

Clara was preceded in death by her father, George Parr, on Jan. 6, 1983; mother, Etta Parr, on June 15, 1981; husband, Wilbur A. Parker on Apr. 14, 1984; sister, Dorothy Parker; brother, George William "Buck" Parker; and grandson, Shawn Engle.

A memorial to the Platte County Library, 904 Ninth Street, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

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

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.gormanfh.com](http://www.gormanfh.com).