

Rachael Mae Patton

April 16, 1921 – October 7, 2007

A funeral service for Rachael Mae Patton, 86, will be conducted at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, October 11, 2007, at the Memorial Baptist Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Pastor Doug Elders officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Sunday, October 7, 2007, at Memorial Hospital of Converse County in Douglas, Wyoming.

Rachael was born April 16, 1921, in Harrison, Nebraska, the daughter of Paul Carl and Eva Virginia (Keel) Geike. She attended rural grade school and received a teaching certificate from the Sioux County High School in Harrison. She taught several years in various rural schools in the Harrison area. On August 30, 1943, she married Basil E. "Gene" Patton in Valdosta, Georgia, following a ceremony honoring Gene as an officer in the Army Air Corp. The couple then traveled by train back to Wyoming where they made their home in the Lusk area. The couple had four children and while working construction they lived throughout the state of Wyoming. Rachael was very adventurous enjoying everything she did, especially hunting, fishing, and camping. She was an excellent seamstress, cook, and gardener. She loved having family get-togethers and entertaining her friends. She was a devoted Christian and a strong prayer warrior, believing everything could be accomplished through prayer. She was very proud of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and was always sharing their accomplishments with others. She loved visiting with people and sharing her lifetime of stories. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hanna. She loved baking cookies

for Bible School and participating in other church activities. She was a member of the Hanna Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, Ladies in Action, TOPS Club, and the Pinochle & Bridge Club. She loved going daily to the Hanna Recreation Center for lap swimming and walking. She moved to Wheatland in July of 2001 to live with her daughter and son-in-law. Rachael enjoyed the Senior Center and bus program in Wheatland.

Survivors include three children, Glenda Duff and husband, Richard of Wheatland, Robert Patton and wife, Karen of Hanna and Richard Patton and wife, Mary Ann of Lander, Wyoming; 14 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; a sister, Sue Serres and husband, Harry of Harrison; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Gerald Lee "Gary" Patton on August 29, 1989; husband on June 1, 1991; brother, Robert Geike; and a grandson, Kelly Reed Patton.

Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons: Bryan Duff, Robert Patton, Jason Patton, Eric Patton, Travis Patton, and Tom Patton. Honorary pallbearers will be all of her family and many friends.

Memorials to the Lasting Legacy Scholarship in care of the Rawlins National Bank, Hanna, Wyoming 82327 or Services for Seniors, P.O. Box 283, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

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

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