

## Kathryn Mitchell Phillippi Baker

1906 to 1996 *2-9-1996*

Funeral services for Kathryn Mitchell Phillippi Baker, 90, where held Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. at the Wheatland United Methodist Church in Wheatland, Wyo., with Reverend Linda Barnes-Patzke officiating. Interment was held in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Baker died Friday, Feb. 9 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland. She was born Jan. 27, 1906, in Kendall, Kan. She was the daughter Zane and Olive (Grosscup) Mitchell.

She was reared and educated in Kansas, and came to the Wheatland area in 1923. She married John Bennington Phillippi in 1923 in Denver, Colo. Following John's death, she married Marlin "Pete" Baker in 1961 in Wheatland. The ranch was purchased from the Carey family, and Kathryn oversaw a busy family, raising gardens and feeding the farmhands.

After John's death, and her subsequent move to Wheatland, she worked for Harold Garrett at the Westside Grocery Store while continuing to raise cattle. She was active socially and well known for her gardening, sewing and extensive hobbies.

Baker and her second husband, "Pete," were avid rockhounds and traveled the United States extensively. At one time or another she was active in Bordeaux Busy Bees, President of Laramie Peak Cowbells, Hobby Club, Jolly Janes, Art Guild, Loyal Christmas Club, Golden Age Club, Laramie Peak Rockhounds, Kitchen Band, Order of Eastern Star, Nursing Home Helping Hands, lifetime member of the Wheatland United Methodist Church and the Methodist Ladies Auxiliary. She cooked for the Lions Club luncheons and designed the artwork for the United Methodist Church's 100th Anniversary.

She is survived by her daughter, Bette Anne Yost and husband, Raymond of Wheatland; grandchildren, Doug Rask & family of Kenai, Alaska, Ron Yost of Wheatland, Don Yost & Family of Wheatland, Virginia Hatten & Family of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Jeffrey Phillippi of Cheyenne; step-children, Marlin Baker Jr. & Family of Wheatland, George & Elaine Barnes of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Beth Baker of Chugwater; great grandchildren, Amy & Rex Rask; Sommer & Brittany Yost, Christopher & Travis Faulkner, and Bailey & Darby Yost; and her "adopted daughter, June Liber and husband Ken of Wheatland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her two husband; brother, Zane Mitchell; sister Dorothy O'Neill; daughters Helen Louise Phillippi and Mary Jean Rask; sons Edward "Tuffy" Phillippi and John "Jack" Phillippi; grandsons, John Robert Phillippi and Troy Ray Yost; and step-son, Willard Baker.

Serving as Pallbearers were

A memorial to the Wheatland United Methodist Church, 909 Ninth Street, Wheatland, Wyo. 82201 or to the Wheatland Service for Seniors, 1605 16th Street, Wheatland, Wyo., 82201 would be appreciated by the family. The Platte County was in charge of the services.