

Audrey Gwendolyn Reddicks

August 11, 1923 – August 15, 2004

Memorial services for Audrey Gwendolyn Reddicks, 81, were conducted at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 21 at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Skip Perry officiating and Amber Costa and Tom Reddicks as eulogists. Inurnment with military rites conducted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Laramie Peak Post #3558 were in the Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland.

Mrs. Reddicks died Sunday, Aug. 15 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Audrey was born August 11, 1923, in Gulfport, Miss., the daughter of Basil Henry and Helene K. (Torjusen) Ray. Audrey was raised in Gulfport; and, after her early graduation from Gulfport High School at age 16, she attended Gulf Park College until she reached the minimum age of 18 to enroll in the nursing program at Touro Infirmary. Upon graduating and earning her RN degree from Touro Infirmary, she entered the Army Nurse Corps and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Her first assignment was at Brook General Hospital at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. There, she met and married Army Air Corps 1st Lieutenant Stanley Reddicks on May 24, 1945. After World War II ended, she and Stan returned to civilian life in Moline, Ill., where their daughter, Amber was born in 1946. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Gulfport to be closer to Audrey's family. A short time

later, Stan returned to military service and the family was transferred to Salina, Kans., where son, Thomas, was born. During her husband's 20-year career in the

United States Air Force, Audrey worked as a nurse while establishing loving homes in Great Britain, Ohio, Louisiana, Japan, Okinawa, Arizona, and Texas.

Following Stan's retirement from the USAF, she worked and lived in Arizona, before settling for 23 years in New Orleans, La. She and Stan moved to Wheatland in 1995, to be near their son Tom's family. In nursing, Audrey worked in military and civilian hospitals, doctors' offices, private duty in patients' homes, and in public health. Before her retirement in 1985, she served as a nurse consultant for the State of Louisiana.

In retirement, she volunteered her services to the Platte County Nursing Home and Hospital Auxiliary, and was active in the American Legion Auxiliary, and the United Methodist Women in Wheatland.

Survivors include Stanley, her husband of 59 years of Wheatland; daughter, Amber Costa and husband, Nicholas of Redlands, Calif.; son, Tom and wife, Theresa of Wheatland; six grandchildren, Tracie Massey of San Antonio, Texas, Tommy Reddicks of Denver, Colo., George Reddicks of Wheatland, Bill Reddicks of Cheyenne, Wyo., Nicole George of Douglas, Wyo. and Susan Cortz of Redlands; and ten great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Thomas.

Honorary pallbearers were Sam and Ursula Huckfeldt, F. John Arter, and Julie Mills.

Memorials to the United Methodist Women, 907 - 9th Street, Wheatland, Wyo. 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

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