

RIETZ, MINNIE ADALINE GRIFFIN  
October 17, 1875-January 14, 1950

A Platte county resident since 1894, Mrs. Minnie Rietz died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jim Sample of Caldwell, Ida. Sunday.

Funeral services were held this afternoon, Thursday, at the Christian church with Mr. C.E. Henry, the Rev. J.B. Milstead and the Rev. Charles Thomas taking part in the services. Interment was in the Wheatland cemetery.

Born in Salem, Mo. on October 17, 1875, she came to Wyoming with her parents in 1882 and had made her home her ever since. A graduate of the University of Wyoming, she taught school at Cottonwood prior to her marriage in 1894 to Charles F. Rietz at Cheyenne.

They moved to their homestead on the Laramie River where they made their home until a few years ago when they moved to Wheatland and sold the ranch to their son Philip.

Mrs. Rietz became a Christian in early childhood and was a charter member of the First Christian Church in Wheatland, founded in 1906. She taught Sunday school classes in the church for 30 years.

She was also a member of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Grandmothers' club, the Christian Women and the Wyoming State Historical Society.

After the death of her husband, May 12, 1948, she stayed in Wheatland until October, 1949, when she went to Caldwell, Ida. to be with two daughters and a son because of failing health.

Survivors include four sons, Charles Arthur Rietz of Kaysville, Utah, Philip E. Rietz of Wheatland, Andrew Carson Rietz of Caldwell, Ida., and Kent Phifer Rietz of Denver, Colo.; two daughters, Mrs. Sample and Mrs. Elon Haas, both of Caldwell, Ida.; one brother, Charles Griffen of Los Angles, Calif.; 13 grandchildren 2 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers at the services were Roger Mills, Harvey Coleman, Charles Krewer, James Cooper, Del Hahn, and Vernon Cook.