

# Barbara Helen Roff

*August 19, 1926 – April 26, 2015*

Graveside services for Barbara Helen Roff, 88, were held on Apr 30 at the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland with Deacon Jill Zimmerschied of All Saints Episcopal Church in Wheatland officiating.

Barbara Mitchell Roff died Sunday, Apr. 26 at the Davis Hospice House in Cheyenne after suffering a short illness.

Barbara was born Aug. 19, 1926 in Wheatland the daughter of George Robert and Gladys Temperance (Patton) Mitchell.

Barbara was raised on the family ranch north of Wheatland and then spent some time in California as a young adult. She graduated from Wheatland High School and completed her Normal Training. On Sept. 3, 1949 she was married to James Daniel Roff. Together they made a home in Wheatland. Jim traveled for significant amounts of time, while Barbara ran her dress shop, Bonnie Scots. In 1967 the family moved to their ranch, known far and wide as the Duck. All who knew Barbara knew she was both the perfect lady and a hard worker. She maintained an impeccable yard, a beautiful garden, and raised chickens while working as a bookkeeper for Vimbo's for over twenty years.

After retiring she spent her days enjoying her time at the Duck, tending to her flowers, raising sheep, and she dabbled in painting. The Roffs and their neighbors, Don and Janet Buffington, shared a cattle ranching partnership during this time.

Barbara is survived by her husband, James D. Roff, of Wheatland; daughter, Elizabeth T. (Tracy) Swanson, of Big Horn; grandchildren, Donde S. (Tom) Hayes of Great Falls, Mont. and Todd J. (Candace) Swanson of Big Horn; four great grandchildren of Tom and Donde – Wyeth, Elizabeth (Ella), Fairclough (Fara), and Maclan (Mac); as well as three nephews and a niece.

Barbara was preceded in death by her father, George, on July 30, 1980; mother, Gladys, on Oct. 19, 1987; and brother, George Robert (Doris) Mitchell, on June 1, 2007

A memorial to the Platte County Library Foundation, 904 Ninth Street, Wheatland, WY 82201 or a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

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