

Olga Leota Smith Schooley

March 20, 1914 - December 19, 2004

Funeral services for Olga Leota Smith Schooley, 90, were conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23 at First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Andy Gudahl and Pastor John Johnson officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Sunday, Dec. 19 at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Olga was born March 20, 1914, in Wheatland, the daughter of Luther Calvin and Louie Lavina (Sharp) Mills. She was reared and educated in Wheatland, graduating from Wheatland High School in 1935, a goal she accomplished by working for the Eperly family so she could graduate from high school. She lived around Wheatland most of her life except for a short time spent in Entiat, Wash., where she babysat and worked in the apple orchards and packing sheds. Olga married Jay McKinley Smith in Wheatland on Nov. 21, 1937.

For many years Olga and Jay farmed the Smith homestead and after moving into Wheatland they were the caretakers of the William Irvine Men's Home and she was a nurse's aide at the Wheatland Hospital. After the death of her husband, Jay, she married Samuel Hollett Schooley on November 21, 1964.

She was a 60-year member of the Dwyer Homemaker's Club, a member of Wyoming Family Community Education (formerly Extension Club) and National Family Community

Education, a member of the Dwyer Church when she was young and then First Christian Church. For many years Olga taught Sunday School and in the summer, Bible School. Olga was an avid crocheter and made many beautiful crocheted items. Many of her items won Best of Show at the County and State Fairs. As she crocheted, she

enjoyed watching television. She taught lots of people how to crochet during her life. Olga also babysat many children and cared for a number of older adults in her home.

Survivors include two sisters, Martha Smith of Wheatland and Bertha Griffiths of Douglas; and, a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, Jay Smith on April 3, 1962, and Samuel Hollett Schooley on May 13, 1966; sister, Margaret Chroninger; brother, Bill Mills; niece, Betty Hytrek; great niece, Nicole Patterson; and a great nephew, Clyde Daniel Brown.

Serving as pallbearers will be William Sturgeon, Gordon Smith, Kenneth Lee Jones, Vince Hytrek, Robert Woolsey, and John Calvin Hytrek. Honorary pallbearers will be all of her family, friends, and neighbors.

Memorials to First Christian Church, 95 - 19th St., Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

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



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