

# Kathleen Mercedes Scranton

WHEATLAND — A funeral service for Kathleen Mercedes Scranton, 95, will be conducted at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2006, in the chapel of Gorman Funeral Homes in Wheatland, with Jerome Mahrt conducting the services. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Family and friends may call prior to the service from 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, at the funeral chapel.

She died March 19, 2006, at Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie, Wyoming.

Born Feb. 4, 1911, in Pierce, Neb., she was the daughter of Delia Mae (Paradise) and William Huffstutter. Her mother later married Charles Nash and the family traveled by horse and wagon to Wyoming in 1917, living in the mountains west of Wheatland. In her early years in the mountains, she formed a lifelong bond with the land around her. At the age of 17, she moved to Cedar Bluffs, Neb., to finish her senior year in high school where she lived with her grandparents, Mose and Emma Paradise.

After graduation in 1930, she met and married Hermann Mahrt, a farmer in the area. Five children were born to them. They later divorced in 1944, and she and daughter, JoAnne returned to Wheatland. In 1945, she married Perry Scranton who had also grown up in the mountains west of Wheatland.

She was blessed with a keen intellect, was well read and did math calculations without pen or paper. She had a great love for horses, especially Arabians. Her Pine Dell ranch was a cher-

ished place to call home. She was one of the last true Wyoming pioneer women. She loved to do cross-word puzzles, and was widely known for her beautiful hand-braided rugs. She was well known and widely respected in the Wheatland area. She will be remembered as a beloved mother, grandmother and dear friend.

Survivors include her daughter, JoAnne (Leonard) Dietz of Centennial; her son, Jerome (Patricia) Mahrt of Salt Lake City, Utah; 17 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and a brother, Dewain (Marie) Nash of Hemet, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Perry in 1983; and three sons, Kenneth in 1934, Delmar in 1986 and Alvin in 1993 and one grandchild.

Memorials in her honor can be made to Services for Seniors, P.O. Box 283, Wheatland, WY 82201, with any such acknowledgement appreciated by the family.

Gorman Funeral Homes, Platte Chapel of Wheatland, have charge of the arrangements. *Mar. 26, 2006*

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