

HAZEL KANE SPARKS

1983

Services for Hazel Sparks, 87, who died Sept. 2 in Wheatland were held Tuesday in the Schrader-Pfeil Funeral Chapel with Dr. Robert Pfadt of Laramie officiating.

Hazel Kane Sparks was born in Mystic, Iowa, Jan. 25, 1896, the daughter of Reuben and Adelia Cain.

She came to Wyoming with her family at an early age, received her education and graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1917 with a teaching degree.

She homesteaded south of Wheatland, taught in the Wheatland school system, then moved to Provo, Utah and taught in the Provo schools.

She married Oscar Sparks in 1923. They moved to Salt Lake City, Utah where she operated a beauty shop for 12 years.

They returned to Wheatland in 1945 where they ranched and she operated a beauty shop for three years. She remained on the ranch until 1977 and since that time has been confined to nursing homes in Cheyenne, Laramie, and Wheatland.

She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and the V.F.W. Auxiliary of Wheatland.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Dean Sparks of Arvada, Colo.; three daughters: Geneva May Butner of Wheatland, Patricia Ann Yost of Laramie, Theda Ruth Anderson, Cheyenne, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1971 and by one brother and four sisters.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Platte County Memorial Hospital Nursing Wing.

Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Schrader-Pfeil Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.