

HELEN KATHERINE MARTENS 1994

Services for Helen Katherine Martens, 78, who died Feb. 22 in Wheatland were held in the Schrader-Prell Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m., Feb. 24 with Dan Barcus officiating.

Helen Martens was born in Hartville, July 9, 1905, the daughter of Samuel and Ethel Covington. She moved with her family to Wheatland when her parents purchased a ranch.

She attended the Axford School and graduated from Wheatland High School. In 1923 she married Gus Swan who was associated with the Swan Land and Cattle Company as a unit manager.

They later leased a ranch on the Sybille where they wintered horses and contracted hay crops for the Swan Company. She worked at Platte County Memorial Hospital for years until her retirement in 1971. Gus Swan passed away in 1964 and in 1970 Helen married Mark Martens who passed away in 1973. She spent her retirement in Wheatland.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, the Sybille Womens Club, and the Laramie Peak Cowbellees.

Survivors include two sons: Neil Swan of Wheatland, Bob Swan of Cheyenne; one brother, Albert Covington of Cheyenne; three sisters: Elizabeth Boyer of Casper, Merle Nelson of Denver; Fern Fox of Dillon, Mont.; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Besides her parents and her husbands, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Don.

A memorial in her name has been established to the Platte County Memorial Hospital Nursing Wing.

Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.