

Sylvia Louise "Betty" Swedberg

Funeral services for Sylvia Louise "Betty" Swedberg, 75, were held Friday, Feb. 3, 1995, at 2 p.m., at the Wheatland Bible Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Timm Brom of the Wheatland Bible Church, and the Rev. Delbert Dick of the American Missionary Fellowship officiating. A special tribute to a pastor's wife was given by Becky Bowman.

Interment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mrs. Swedberg died Monday evening, Jan. 30, 1995 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Betty was born Dec. 3, 1919 in Zion, Ill., the daughter of Arthur and Sylvia (Kessler) Brooks. She attended public school in North Chicago, Ill., and then attended the Academy at Wheaton, Ill. Betty read lessons for her blind sister who was also a student at the Academy.

While at Wheaton, she trusted Christ as her Saviour under the preaching of R.R. Brown, of Omaha, Neb. The family then moved to Rhinelander, Wis., where Betty completed her high school education.

She then went on to Northwestern College in Minneapolis, Minn., where she studied music and Christian education. Betty was privileged to sing Handel's "Messiah" at the age of 13, and again at Northestern at the age of 18.

On a cold, Oct. 12, 1939, she accepted a proposal from a young man named Gordon Swedberg, who sang in the choral club with Betty. They were married on May 30, 1941, in Rhinelander, Wis.

Betty was a homemaker, her husband's secretary, the family gardener, and did many tasks in church --- little details that needed a woman's touch, straightening the hymn books, seeing that the flags hung straight, doing things essential to the beauty of the House of God.

Her prayer time was special and was done while watering the flowers and shrubs. Her bumper stickers told she "Loved Wyoming," and her "Grandchildren" and "Great-Grandchildren." Betty was a member of the Wheatland Bible Church.

Betty is survived by her husband, Pastor Gordon Swedberg, of Wheatland, and three children, Karen Cox and David Swedberg, both of Twentynine Palms, Calif., and Paulette Weber of Milwaukee, Wis.

Also surviving are a daughter-in-law, Elsie Ritt of Sheboygan, Wis., two brothres, John W. Brooks, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Irwin Brooks of Geneva, Switzerland, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Gale, in an accident June 14, 1986, a brother, Arthur Brooks, and a sister, Mary Ellen Toms.

Serving as pallbearers were Chuck Brown, Chuck Thorne, Keith Groeneweg, Tim Nix, Bob Noyce and Kerry Volz. Honorary pallbearers were all of her many friends.

Memorials to the Wheatland Bible Church, Highway 312 & Palmer Canyon Road, Wheatland, WY 82201, or to the American Heart Association, 1320 Hugur Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001-4917, would be appreciated by the family.

The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.