

Wilda Lorraine Vandiver

March 25, 1917 – August 21, 2004

Funeral services for Wilda Lorraine Vandiver, 87, will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 at First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Andy Gudahl and Pastor John Johnson officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mrs. Vandiver died Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Heritage Health Care Center in Gering, Neb.

Wilda was born March 25, 1917, in Shippee, Neb., the daughter of James Ernest and Ella (Wolten) Klepper. She moved with her family to Henry, Neb., where she was reared and educated. On March 5, 1938, in Bridgeport, Neb., Wilda married Vernon Eugene Vandiver. After their marriage, they farmed in the areas of Mitchell, Neb., and Torrington, Wyo. In 1950, they moved to Chugwater, Wyo, where Mr. Vandiver worked on the Brown Ranch and in the fall of 1957, they moved to Wheatland. Wilda worked at Pioneer Pharmacy and Hested's (later Ben Franklin Store). They lived in Colorado and several towns in Wyoming while Mr. Vandiver worked for Farmland Industry before returning to Wheatland to retire in 1980. Wilda was a member of First Christian Church and loved taking pictures and wintering in Arizona.

She is survived by four children and their spouses, Vernita and Jack Lewis of Searcy, Ark., Inez and Delmar DeVeny of LaBarge, Wyo., Dorothy and Darrel Vogt of Wheatland, and Judy and Billy Rhoades of

Searcy; three sisters, Eva Lindsey of Scottsbluff, Neb., Ila Robinson of Redondo Beach, Calif., and Phyllis Darnell of Mitchell, Neb.; nine grandchildren, Wanda DeVeny, Dean DeVeny, Susan Riley, Joanie Knight, Shelly Sprakties, Cory Vogt, Gerald Jackson, Shonna Ahrenholtz, and Linda Thwreatt; and seventeen great grandchildren.

Wilda was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vernon on February 25, 1994; two brothers, Lowell "Slim" Klepper and Covert "Pat" Klepper; four sisters, Irene Pierce, Chlodean Fields, Thelma Diemer, and Leota Callen; three grandchildren, Vernon Fay Jackson, Peggy Marie DeVeny, and Wayne Eugene DeVeny; and one great grandson, Michael Jackson.

Serving as pallbearers will be Keith Knight, Scott Sprakties, Cory Vogt, Rollans Zimmerman, Mike Zimmerman, and Dean DeVeny.

Honorary pallbearers will be all of her family and many friends.

Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 851, Casper, Wyo. 82602 or a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family.

Visitation will be prior to the service on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room of the First Christian Church.

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