

# Barbara H. Wallenburn

April 19, 1918 – July 12, 2006

Funeral services for Barbara H. Wallenburn, 88, will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 17 at the United Methodist Church at Wheatland, with Robert Gurney officiating. Burial will follow in the Wheatland Cemetery. Barbara died on July 12, 2006, at the Beverly Health Care Center in Scottsbluff, Neb. Visitation hours will be held on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel in Torrington. Those who wish may direct memorial contributions in Barbara's memory to the "Floyd Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund" at Southeast High School. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Barbara was born on April 19, 1918, in Melrose, Mass., the only child of Dean and Josephine (Twombly) Henderson. She grew up and received her early education at Melrose. In 1930, the family moved to Reading, Mass., for three years and then in 1933 they moved to Groveland, Mass., where Barbara graduated from high school in 1935. She went on to attend two years of college and then moved to the Washington, D.C. area, where she accepted a job with Social Security; later transferring to the Navy Department in D.C. She then met Robert Wallenburn on D-Day, and the couple married on Oct. 14, 1945, in Groveland. They moved to Slater, near the Chugwater area, and Barbara supported her husband's farming activities for several

years. She then served as deputy treasurer for Platte County in 1955; and officially ran for office in 1958; serving a four year term as the Platte County Treasurer. When her husband retired, the couple lived at Wheatland in the 90s and in 2005 moved to Torrington, and lived at Evergreen Court. Barbara had only recently moved to Beverly Health Care Center.

She enjoyed playing cards, especially Bridge, and she liked to travel. Barbara loved her family. She was a member of the Chugwater Women's Methodist Organization.

She is survived by her daughter, Martha Gurney and her husband, Robert of Torrington; a son, Beauford Thompson and his wife, Starley of Slater; six grandsons, Rob Gurney, Rusty Gurney and David Gurney all of Torrington, Rick Gurney of Yuba, Calif., Jason Gurney of Seattle, Wash., and Richard Thompson of Albany, N.Y.; three granddaughters, Leslie Perez of Scottsbluff, Neb., Alisa Tafoya of La Cruces, N.M., and Danae Grigsby of Baltimore, Md.; 17 great-grandchildren, Robbie, Andrea and Laurie Gurney of Torrington, Justin and Jeremy Gurney of Yuba, and Araya Gurney of Seattle, Joey Villauferte, Samantha Gingles, Daniel and Cesar Perez all of Scottsbluff, Robert, Rio, Regan and Reno Tafoya all of La Cruces, and Zoe, Henry and Lydia Thompson of Albany.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.