

Bertha C. West

4-6-1993

Funeral services for Bertha C. West, 89, were Saturday April 10, 1993 at the Wheatland United Methodist Church in Wheatland, Wyoming with Reverend Linda Barnes officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery. Mrs. West died Tuesday April 6, at the Treasure Valley Nursing Home in Boise, Idaho. She was born August 8, 1903, in Pittsburg, Kansas, the daughter of Henry and Anna (Lahmann) Cordes.

Bertha spent her early years in South Dakota and Nebraska. The family came to Wyoming in 1919 and homesteaded Northeast of Fort Laramie. She graduated from the Lusk High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Wyoming. She met Carl West while teaching in the Wheatland area country schools and waitressing at the Globe Hotel. Bertha and Carl were married in Wheatland on August 5, 1929. Bertha was a substitute teacher until about 1940 when she retired to be a full-time homemaker. She was a member of the Wheatland United Methodist Church, Banner Rebekah's #16 of which she was a Past Noble Grand and attended Grand Lodge a number of times, a member of the Order of Eastern Star Wheatland chapter #11 where she was a member since 1945 and a Past Matron, and she belonged to the Pleasant Hour Club. She enjoyed gardening and pinochle marathons.

She is survived by her two children, Dori Wakeman of Boise, Idaho, and Gene West of Pueblo, Co.; three sisters, Lousie Murphy of Surrey, British Columbia, Rose Gebo of Gig Harbor, Washington, and Nellie Ray of Denver, Co.; four grandchildren, Lon Blair of Boise, Idaho, Lori Bliar of Pullman, Washington, Mike West of Monument, Co., and Kim Golden of Colorado Springs, Co.; and four great grandchildren. Bertha was preceded in death by her parents; husband on May 15, 1973; three brothers and three sisters.

Pallbearers were Dave Foreman, Eldon Randall, Alvis Marshall, Richard Chase, Lee Dunham, and Pete Johnson. Honorary pallbearers were all of her many friends. A memorial to the Ft. Laramie Historical Association, P.O. Box 218, Ft. Laramie, WY 82212 would be appreciated by the family.