

Ruby Elizabeth Wickam

Jan. 4, 1917 – June 8, 2013

A funeral service for Ruby Elizabeth Wickam, 96, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 14, 2013 at the Memorial Baptist Church, 202 19th Street, Wheatland with Pastor Duane Ayers officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 14, 2013.

Ruby Wickam died Saturday, June 8, 2013 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Ruby and her twin sister, Ruth, were born Jan. 4, 1917 in Woodburn, Iowa, the daughters of Homer W. and Nellie (Weakland) Cochran.

She came to Wyoming at the age of three on an immigrant train car, with her folks, her twin sister, Ruth and baby sister, Glyda. They settled around Wolcott Junction, where Ruby's father worked on a ranch near Elk Mountain.

Ruby and the family moved in spring wagons coming across the plains and over the mountains down Palmer Canyon. They settled in a house at the corner of Hightower Palmer Canyon Road.

Ruby attended elementary school at Muleshoe. She walked or rode a Shetland pony to school. Ruby helped her dad in the fields when she was older.

Ruby attended Wheatland High School graduating in 1934. After some training she taught at rural schools on the Slater Flats and at Muleshoe. She attended the University of Wyoming during the summer to keep her teaching certificate.

Ruby married John W. Wickam on June 28, 1941 in Gering, Neb. They moved to the Wickam ranch on Bluegrass Creek off of Highway 34. They raised sheep and later on raised cattle. Their only son, Morgan, was raised on the ranch. Ruby helped with ranch chores and kept the books for the ranch business. They moved into Wheatland in 1963. They started



Wickam Trucking and Ruby was the dispatcher and bookkeeper.

Ruby liked to cook, sew and crochet. She made many of her own clothes and entered crocheting projects in the fair. She belonged to the Farm Bureau Club and Hobby Club. She really enjoyed being with her grandson, Larry, and teaching him different things when he was young.

Ruby spent her last six years at Country Club Living. She enjoyed her extended family of residents and the workers.

Ruby is survived by her son, Morgan (Roxie) Wickam, of Wheatland; sister, Glyda May of Wheatland; grandson, Larry Lynn, of Manhattan, N.Y.; step-grandchildren, Shawnn (Richard) Lively and Todd Paustian both of Laramie, Wyoming and Matthew Paustian of Manhattan, N.Y.; four step-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Nellie Cochran; step-mother, Stella Logan Cochran; husband, John W. Wickam, on April 23, 2007; and twin sister, Ruth Utter.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ken Small, Todd Small, Troy Cochran, Alan Cochran, Richard Lively and Scott Lively.

Family and friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A memorial to the Laramie Peak Museum, P.O. Box 451, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.gormanfh.com.