

Clara Lauck Williams

Clara Lauck Williams, 76, was born in Longmont, Colo., on Oct. 4, 1917, to Peter and Amalia Dreith Lauck. She was baptized in the Lutheran faith.

She attended rural and city elementary schools in Longmont until 1929, at which time the family moved to Wheatland, where she graduated from Wheatland High School with the Class of 1935.

During her teenage years, Clara was active in the Lutheran Church, playing piano for Sunday School and a pump organ for church services. She then attended Colorado State Teachers' College in Greeley for one year.

In 1936, Clara married William Austin Williams, a union which produced two daughters, Sandra Annette (born in Holyoke, Colo.), and Cheryl Lee (born in Loveland, Colo.). Austin's job as a lumberyard manager took them to residences in Torrington, Paoli, Colo., Loveland, Colo., and Laramie.

Clara worked as a teller, bookkeeper and loan service clerk at Midland Federal Savings and Loan, as an officer at First American Mortgage Company, and as a secretary/bookkeeper at Enslow Realty and Henry Realty.

She retired at age 62, and had pursued her hobbies of music, reading, calligraphy, needlework, sewing and genealogy until the time of her death.

In addition to her daughters, Clara's passing is also mourned by six grandchildren, Stephen Smith, Jaimie Anguiano, Stephen (Brett) Neill, Eric Ward, James Neill V and Jason Neill.

Also surviving are great-grandchildren Stephen, Stephanie and Mercedes Neill, Palmer Anguiano, and baby boy Anguiano who is due to make an appearance at any minute.

From a family of eight siblings, only two brothers, Ed Lauck and Herman Lauck, and a sister, Corky French, remain.