

# Mabel Marie Artery

11-24-2003  
Memorial services to celebrate the life of Mabel Marie Artery, 85, was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating.

Inurnment was in the Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland.

Mabel died Monday, November 24, at the Scottsbluff Hospital in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, after a valiant battle against complications from West Nile Virus.

She was born January 13, 1918, in Wheatland, Wyoming, the daughter of Julia Ann (Bergman) and Fred O. Carlson, both Swedish immigrants. Mabel attended Wheatland schools, graduating in 1935.

She was a star player on the Wheatland girl's state champion basketball team. Mabel also attended the University of Wyoming for one year. Mabel married Warren Wright in 1939, and to this union two children were born, Carolyn and David. Warren died in 1947 in Denver, Colorado, following a brief illness, and Mabel and the children returned to Wheatland to live near her parents. In 1949, Mabel married Cleve Artery, and the couple had a daughter, Juliann. Mabel and Cleve remained in Wheatland to raise their family, where all three children graduated from Wheatland High School, and later from the University of Wyoming. Mabel had a full, active, healthy, and happy life. She had a multitude of friends and loving family, and spent her life enjoying her children, grand-

children, the cabin in the mountains, her home, beautiful flowers, and her kitties. Mabel's love of animals has been passed on to her children, and her compassion and caring was known to all. She worked many years as a secretary and bookkeeper, only recently retiring, while at the same time keeping involved with her family's many activities. Mabel was known to drop everything to take a carload of cheerleaders to a distant football or basketball game.

Mabel is survived by her husband, Cleve of Wheatland; daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Jack Nukaya of Moreno Valley, California; son and daughter-in-law, Dave Wright and Nancy Helwig of Huntington Beach, California; daughter, Juliann Artery of Mitchell, Nebraska; granddaughters, Anne Marie Nukaya-Garcia and Alex, Julia Nukaya (and Mickey Petralia), and Carly Wright all of California, and Erica Nukaya of Oregon; grandsons, Luke Wright and Adam (and Karyn) Wright of California; three great grandsons; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband; and three brothers, Oscar, Ole "Elmer", and George Carlson.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were all of her family and many friends.

Memorials were to Hospice of Platte County, P.O. Box 1025, Wheatland, WY 82201-1025 or a charity of the donor's choice.

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