

CHRISTENSEN, LELIA MARINE HARWOOD

August 6, 1902-November 29, 1978

Lelia Marine Christensen, 76, died Nov. 29 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Lelia was born Aug. 6, 1902 in Alimo, Ind., the daughter of James and Minnie Dowden Harwood. She moved with her family to Bay City, Texas in 1907 and then on to Big Cabin, Okla. and Vinita, Okla. and Prior Creek, Okla.

In 1914, the family moved to Wheatland where she attended the Axford School. She met and married her husband, Allen Edward Briggs, who preceded her in death in 1922. She and Mr. Briggs had one son, Herbert Christensen of Wheatland, who survives her.

In 1924, she married Christian Christensen and to this marriage four children were born: Herald Christensen, Frederick Christensen, Gordon Christensen and a daughter, Agnes. Their son, Herald died from wounds received in action in Feb. of 1945 in Iwo Jima.

She is survived by three sons, Herb Christensen of Wheatland, Fred of Citrus Heights, Calif., and Gordon of Gillette; on daughter, Agnes Hucks of Lakewood, Colo. and one step-son Art Christensen of Lebanon, Ore. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Surviving also are three sisters, Violet Stofflet of Wheatland, Martha Teel of Elwood, Neb., Virgie Owens of Lander, and one brother, Luther Harwood of Deaver, Wy.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 2, at the Assembly of God Church in Wheatland with the Rev. Delbert Dick officiating along with her grandson, the Rev. Herbert Christensen of Greeley, Colo.

Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxillary Ora Call Unit #10.