

Funeral services for Helen Ruth Mills Cook, 75, were held last week at Berea Christian Church, Johannesburg, South Africa, where she died Feb. 10.

She was born Nov. 5, 1914, in Wheatland, to Lucile Jackson Mills and Samuel Roger Mills, and grew up in Platte County. She received her education in the Wheatland schools and graduated from Wheatland High School in 1932 as Valedictorian of her class.

On Dec. 21, 1932, she was united in marriage to Vernon Cook, also of Wheatland. They were parents of three children. A member of the First Christian Church, she was for many years the youth sponsor and a Sunday School teacher.

She was employed for several years by the Wheatland Times. In 1944, while her husband was serving with the Navy in World War II, she moved to California and attended San Jose Bible College.

In 1956, the family moved to Riverton. While living there, Helen worked for the Riverton Ranger, writing a weekly column featuring memories of her childhood growing up in Wyoming, as well as original poems and human interest stories.

The Cooks were instrumental in establishing the Riverton Christian Church soon after moving there. In 1959, Mr. Cook was injured in an accident, which left him an invalid until his death in 1985.

In 1964, the Cooks moved to Casper, where Helen opened Faith Book Shop, which she operated until March, 1985, when she moved to Johannesburg, where she lived at Aletheia Christian Centre, a mission work established by her son, Stuart Cook.

In her five years there, she taught a Bible study when her health permitted. While in Casper, she wrote and published a study guide, "God's Womenfolk" which was used in dozens of churches in the United States as well as in several missions abroad.

She is survived by her two sons and a daughter, Stuart Cook of Johannesburg; Ron Cook of Wichita, Kans. and Janet Miles of Idaho Falls, Idaho; two brothers and a sister, Harry Mills of Farmington, N.M.; Marvin Mills of Phoenix, Ariz., and Marian Mills Peek of Casper; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one brother and one granddaughter.

Memorial gifts and expressions of sympathy for the family may be sent to Mission to South Africa, Box 2082, Casper, WY 82602.