

## *Emma J. Curless*

*December 8, 1927-May 30, 2000*

A service for Christian Burial for Emma J. Curless, 72, of Pine Bluffs, Wyo. were held Friday, June 2, 2000 at 2 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Wheatland, Wyo. with the Reverend Cliff Moore officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

A memorial service for Mrs. Curless was held Monday, June 5, at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Pine Bluffs, Wyo. with Reverend

Terrilynn Russ officiating. Mrs. Curless died Tuesday, May 30, 2000 at her home in Pine Bluffs.

She was born in Werner, N.D., on December 8, 1927 to August H. and Mary (Merslack) Unverzagt. At a young age, she moved with her family to the Veteran/Yoder, Wyo. area.

She attended the Veteran School where she graduated in 1945. She later moved to Sidney, Neb., where she was the manager of the Western Union office, and there met her husband, John J. Curless Sr. They were married in Sidney on December 14, 1947. They lived for many years in Sidney and their five children were born there.

They then moved to Cheyenne and she worked as a bookkeeper at Memorial Hospital. In 1977, they move to Pine Bluffs where she was the bookkeeper for a local clinic until she retired. She was instrumental in starting the local museum and was a member of the Past Time Club.

She is survived by her husband, John J. Curless Sr. of Pine Bluffs; four children, Timothy Curless of Pine Bluffs, John J. Curless Jr. of Pine Bluffs, Callae McManus of Wheatland and Cheri Santini of Cheyenne; three brothers, Henry Unverzagt of Hay Springs, Neb., Alec Unverzagt of Reseda, Calif., Herman Unverzagt of Lingle, Wyo.; three sisters, Lynn Randall of Newhall, Calif., Elsie Wells of Thermal, Calif. and Lydia J. Rutledge of Lubbock, Texas; and five grandchildren, Trist Curless of Seattle, Wash. Rory McManus of Wheatland, Daniel Santini of Cheyenne, Matthew Curless of Pine Bluffs, and Tobi Anderson of Denver, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Robert Allen Curless; one brother; one sister; one half-sister; four half-brothers; one grandson; Tyler B. McManus on January 21, 1995; and a great-granddaughter, Paige Curless.

Serving as pallbearers were Allen Unverzagt, David Unverzagt, Karl Dean Unverzagt, Gary Unverzagt, Daniel Santini and Ian Anderson.

Honorary pallbearers were all of her many friends.

Memorials to the National Jewish Hospital, in care of Jack Curless, 1413 State Road 215, Pine Bluffs, WY 82082 would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.