

Lois "Fern" Echelberger

September 25, 1916 – November 27, 2008

A memorial service for life long Wheatland, Wyoming resident, Lois "Fern" Echelberger, 92, was conducted at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, at the First Christian Church in Wheatland with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating. Inurnment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2008, at the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home in Wheatland.

Fern was born September 25, 1916, in Wheatland, the daughter of Andrew Johan and Sopha (Cone) Ekstrom. She graduated from Wheatland High School in 1934. On April 16, 1939, she married Myles Edward Echelberger in Guernsey, Wyoming. They farmed southwest of Wheatland until 1988 when they moved to the Senior Center in town. Fern was an active member of First Christian Church, Eastern Star, Rock Lake Grange, Christmas Club, and Pleasant Hour Club. She enjoyed being in the kitchen, gardening, sewing and needlework.

Survivors include her daughters, Janis (Reuben) Tsujimura of Walla Walla, Washington and Lois

(Dominic) Bryngelson of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin; four grandchildren, Gina Tsujimura of Walla Walla, Erik Tsujimura of Santa Clara, California, Jason (Tracy) Bryngelson of Modesto, California, and Jeff Bryngelson of Campbell, California; two great granddaughters, Samantha and Ashley Bryngelson of Modesto; and two nephews, Keith Pasley of Thermopolis, Wyoming and Frank Pasley of Wheatland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Myles on February 4, 1989; and three sisters, Myrtle Ekstrom, Florence Crerar, and Vera Pasley.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Jason Bryngelson, Jeff Bryngelson, Gina Tsujimura, Erik Tsujimura, Frank Pasley, Ken Pasley, and Myles Pasley.

Memorials were to the First Christian Church, 95 – 19th St., Wheatland, WY 82201 or to the Rocky Mountain Arthritis Foundation, 2280 Albion Street, Denver, Colorado 80222-4906.

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