

# **Ruth S. Eshom**

*Jan. 18, 1902-Aug. 21, 2002*

Funeral services for Ruth S. Eshom, 100, were held Sunday, August 24 at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Andy Gudhal, Minister officiating.

Mrs. Eshom died Wednesday, August 21 at the Life Care Center of Cheyenne.

She was born on January 18, 1902 in Wheatland the daughter of John and Gertrude Eleanor (Stephens) Hobbs. She was reared in Platte County, attending country school for her elementary education and high school education at the Wheatland High School, graduating in 1920. She attended the University of Wyoming in Laramie for two years. She received her teaching certificate, and taught in Fort Laramie, Goshen Hole, and Glendo.

She was married to Paul Eshom on September 26, 1926 at the Hobbs Ranch west of Wheatland. She lived on their homestead and ranch until 1984, at which time she moved into Wheatland. In 1998 she moved to the County Club Living in Wheatland, and in 2000 she moved to the Life Care Center of Cheyenne, residing there until the time of her death. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge-Banner Chapter, serving as the state Chaplain for several years; Federated Women's Club-Laramie Del Chapter; charter member of the First Christian Church; Garden Club; and Golden Age Club. She enjoyed socializing with family and

friends; traveling; doing several different crafts; playing her piano; dancing; and an avid card player, especially pinochle.

She is survived by her four children, Leonard and wife, Julia Eshom of Casper, Wyoming, Pauline and husband Joe Bookout of Wheatland, Eleanor and husband Bernie Schwenk of Cheyenne, and Mary and husband Job O' Connor of Sierra Vista, Arizona; eleven grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; eight nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul, on November 11, 1960; three sisters; four brothers; one granddaughter, Susan Gail Bookout, in 1983; and one great grandson, Dustin Divan, in 2002.

Serving as pallbearers were Tim Adsit, Mark Adsit, Drew Ludwig, Louis Ditzler, Christopher Ditzler, and Will Roney. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Mike Eshom, Paul Adams, Brad Boner, and James Harter.

A memorial to the Hospice of Platte County, P.O. Box 1025, Wheatland Wyoming 82201 or to the Laramie Peak Museum, 101 Hightower Road, Wheatland Wyoming, 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.