

# Margaret Elizabeth Gaddis

March 21, 1912-October 12, 1999

Funeral services for Margaret Elizabeth Gaddis, 87, were held Friday, October 15, 1999, at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 95 1/2 19th Street in Wheatland, with Andy Gudahl, Minister officiating.

Mrs. Gaddis died Thursday, October 12, 1999, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Margaret was born March 21, 1912, in Kane, Wyoming, the daughter of Charles and Leona (Hixson) Moore. Her family moved to Wheatland in 1919 to a ranch in Sybille Canyon, where she, her brother and four sisters were reared. Margaret was her father's top-hand on the ranch.

She married John Brown in 1929 in Wheatland and had two children, Charles Brown and Leona Brown Gudahl. They later divorced and on June 28, 1939 in Laramie, Wyo., she married Alva D. Gaddis. They worked on ranches in the Wheatland area and three sons were born, Jim, Jerry and Allen.

On September 1, 1958, they moved to the Little Laramie Valley and began working for Carroll and Carroll Ranches and remained there until their retirement in the spring of 1982.

While living in Laramie, Margaret was an active member of Mountain West Farm Bureau, school board and the election board for the Little Laramie Vailey. She was a charter member of the Albany County Cowbelles and was honored as Ranchwoman of the Year in 1985.

After returning to Wheatland, she was an active member of the Slater Women's Club, Farm Bureau and belonged to several card groups. She and Alvie loved to play cards. Margaret was a loving mother, wife, a good friend and neighbor. Anyone was welcome to stop in for coffee, lunch or dinner. She was a great cook and there was always a snack available at anytime.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Alva Gaddis; sons, Charles Brown and wife, Ida of Lander, James Gaddis of Wheatland, Jerry Gaddis and wife, Jenelle of Laramie Allen Gaddis and wife, Tammy of LaRussell, Mo.; daughter, Leona Gudahl and husband, Don of Wheatland; two sisters, Beula O'Bryan and Doris Cheever of Cheyenne; sister-in-law, Lois Moore of Laramie; ten grandchildren, Kenny Brown, Terry Brown, Donna Gudalh Artery, Karen Gudahl Artery, Steve Gudahl, Marti Gaddis Pantier, Wendy Gaddis Simmons, Jennifer Gaddis Fisher, Jahna Gaddis and Jade Gaddis; thirteen great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Tom Moore; two sisters, Virgie Preuit and Dorothy Carey; and one granddaughter.

Memorials may be sent to Cow-Belles Scholarship Fund, in care of Shirley Lilley, P.O. Box 1265, Laramie, Wyo. 82073. Platte Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.



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