

# Bernice Elizabeth Goertz

August 3, 1920 – July 4, 2010

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A funeral service for Bernice Elizabeth Goertz, 89, will be conducted at 2:00 P.M., Friday, July 9, 2010, at Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Reverend Bryan McLees officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Bernice Goertz, a former resident of Wheatland and more recently of Riverton, Wyoming, died Sunday, July 4, 2010, at the Help for Health Hospice Home in Riverton.

She was born August 3, 1920, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, the daughter of Joseph Andrew and Ella (Hubbard) McLees. She attended grade school at Slater, Wyoming where she rode horseback with her seven siblings to school. She attended high school in Cheyenne. Bernice married Manness Goertz on September 26, 1947, in Ault, Colorado. They moved to Slater Flats where they farmed, ranched, and raised their family for 44 years when her husband died suddenly in January of 1990. After her husband's death, she moved to Riverton. She loved horses, the farm, and her animals. She enjoyed teaching her nieces, nephews, and grandchildren about farming and her passion for horses.

Survivors include a son, Charles J. "Bud" Goertz of Wheatland; six granddaughters, Staci Mantegazza of Denver, Colorado, Shanell (Scott)

Stanley and Shawna (Randy) Edgeington all of Riverton, Lynne (Bob) McGurn and Pam (Kit) Killion all of Wheatland, and Carolyn (Steve) Renner of Rawlins, Wyoming; twelve great grandchildren, Sergio Mantegazza, Mclees Mantegazza, Abigail Renner, Cody Renner, Buffy Killion, Justin Killion, Travis McGurn, Josh MGurn, Alexiss Stanley, Zach Stanley, Brandon Edgeington, and Randy Scott Edgeington; and one great-great granddaughter, Americus Killion.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband on January 4, 1990; a daughter, Sheran K. "Sheri" Ratliff on April 11, 2005; six brothers; one sister; and a grandson-in-law, Paolo Mantegazza.

Serving as pallbearers will be Cody Renner, Josh McGurn, Travis McGurn, Brandon Edgeington, Randy Scott Edgeington, and Justin Killion. Honorary pallbearers will be Scott Stanley, Randy Edgeington, Kit Killion, Bob McGurn, and Steve Renner.

Memorials to the Wheatland High School F.F.A. (Future Farmers of America), 1350 East Oak Street, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland.



**Bernice Goertz**