

A funeral service for Fern Evelyn (Marke) Graham, 87, was conducted at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, August 20, 2010, at the Wheatland Bible Church in Wheatland, Wyoming with Pastor Denzil G. Mauk officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Tuesday, August 17, 2010, at her daughter and son-in-law's home near Wheatland after a short illness.

Fern was born January 30, 1923, on the family farm at Slater, Wyoming, the daughter of Fred F. and Helen Lucille (Menuey) Marke. She graduated from Cheyenne High School and went on to become a registered nurse after attending the University of Wyoming and Denver University. She worked in Casper, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana and Alaska before working as an obstetrics nurse in Long Beach, California for over 40 years. She moved to Wheatland to be near more of her family in 2004.

Fern attended Hope Community Church in Long Beach for over 40 years and enjoyed serving in children's ministries and on the church board as treasurer. She also loved caring for her many friends as they aged and was a "grandmother" to many. She was an avid gardener and created heir-

loom stitchery, quilts, and afghans.

Survivors include her son, Jeffrey W. (Susan) Fien and daughter, Shelly (Jay) Halle all of Wheatland; three siblings, Rosa Mae Guild and Helen Lucile Brecht both of Wheatland and Ralph Marke of Raymer, Colorado; eight grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; four nephews; and one niece.

Her body was buried near her parents in the Wheatland Cemetery; but, she lives eternally with our Heavenly Father and Savior Jesus Christ. She waits there for her many loved ones for whom she has prayed.

Serving as pallbearers were Randy Whelchel, Taran Whelchel, Craig Brautigam, David Franck, Obie Halle, and Jay Halle. Honorary pallbearers were Ralph Marke, Terry Derby, Greg Fien, Joel Fien, Jonathan Jayasinghe, Nick Taylor, Pastor Bob Dennis, Pastor Gary Wingate, and the Congregation at Hope Community Church in Long Beach, California.

Memorials to the Wheatland Bible Church, P.O. Box 685, Wheatland, WY 82201-0685 would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements were under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

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