

# Erma Marie Johnson

November 8, 1912 – January 29, 2011

A funeral service for Erma Marie Johnson, 98, will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday, February 4, 2011 at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, Wyoming with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Marie Johnson a resident of Wheatland died Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home in Wheatland.

Marie was born November 8, 1912 in Cairo, Nebraska the daughter of Earl William and Bessie (Bachkora) Hopper. She came to Wheatland, when she was 13 years old and in the 7th grade. She went to school in the building that is now known as "the old Junior High", and graduated from the Wheatland High School.

She married Ralph Johnson in 1930, and one son, Gerald, was born in 1932. Marie and her family lived in Wheatland until 1934 moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where Ralph went to work for Westinghouse and Marie worked as a waitress. While living in Long Beach, California during World War II, Marie worked at the shipyards as a welder.

Later Marie moved back to Wheatland, where she lived with and cared for her mother, Bessie until her death. Marie then shared a home with her sister, Alice Bookout for many years, until Alice's death in October,

2006. Marie loved life and loved the Lord. She has been a resident of the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home since March, 2006.

She is survived by her son, Gerald (Letitia) Johnson of Hemet, California; five grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ralph; sisters, Mable Hopper and Alice Bookout; and brothers, Harold Hopper and Floyd Hopper.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jay Johnson, Jess Johnson, Tim Bookout, Kyle Bookout, Travis Garton, and Tyrell Garton.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Greg Garton, Bill Bookout, Mike Bookout, Pat Bookout, and Dave Burke.

Family and friends may call at the Fireside Room at the First Christian Church on Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

A memorial to the First Christian Church Bus Fund, 95 Nineteenth Street, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

The Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [gormanfh.com](http://gormanfh.com).



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