

# Geraldine 'Gerry' Lauck

July 8, 1933 – February 11, 2012

A funeral service for Geraldine "Gerry" Lauck, 78, will be held at 10:00 A.M., February 17, 2012 at the Memorial Baptist Church in Wheatland, Wyoming with Pastor Craig Cagle officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Gerry went home to her Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home.

Geraldine was born to Herbert Havelly and Leona (Fry) Havelly, on July 8, 1933. The Havelly family made their home on a dry land wheat farm in the Slater community, just 20 miles south of Wheatland. Geraldine attended the Box Elder Country School in Slater until she began high school in Wheatland. Once she graduated, she rented a room at the Merback House, what has more recently been known as the Black Bird Inn in Wheatland. Gerry worked at the Golden Rule Department Store and assisted a local dentist, Dr. Gossen. On September 18, 1954, Geraldine married Marvin Lauck. Their union was blessed with three children, Debra, Dennis and Peggy.

The Laucks lived a few miles west of town and Marvin took up farming and feeding cattle. Gerry kept very busy raising her family, volunteering as a Gray Lady at the Wheatland Hospital, working periodically at a local fabric sewing shop, cleaning houses, and weighing sugar beets at the Hightower receiving station. Gerry was a very industrious woman and often one would hear her whistling a melodious tune as she worked. Gerry's heart and home were always extended to her neighbors. She was willing to bring extra to a church pot-luck, teach a Sunday school class, or put up a missionary in her home. She found fulfillment in gardening and growing beautiful flowers in the yard, and she couldn't pass up a piece of fabric for sewing a garment. One of her most frequent requests was to take a ride in the mountains just west of Wheatland.

Gerry became a grandma in 1975. Her grandchildren were truly one of her greatest joys of her life. She was very active and healthy, and enjoyed hayrides, picnics, walks, bicycle rides, hosting family Valentine's Day celebrations and game nights for the grandchildren. For many Christmases, Gerry sewed flannel shirts for each of her grand-

sons; she also enjoyed fashioning frilly fussy Cinderella dresses for her granddaughters. She was a grandma that was always just a phone call away and would show up impromptu to play a game with her grandchildren. Grandma's house must have been a special place because the grandchildren often tried to sneak home with her by hiding in the back seat of her car. After staying the night with Grandma, oftentimes grandchildren would ask if they could live with her! In 2001, Gerry became a GREAT grandma and that she was!

Geraldine was a strong influence in her family, bringing them together, and showing them perseverance in the face of hardship and trials. In 1983, Gerry made a decision that changed her life, she surrendered her life to Jesus Christ. In the years to come, Gerry lived for her Savior, Jesus, and at every opportunity shared the importance of him to others. He became her strength and song, her peace and joy.

Wonderful memories are held in the hearts of those Gerry leaves behind: Marvin her husband of fifty seven years; three children, Debby (Ron) Becker of Wheatland, Dennis (Kim) of Wheatland, and Peggy (Howard) Bise of Slater, Wyoming; as well as seven grandsons; five granddaughters; on great-grandson; five great-granddaughters; four sisters, Grace Saylor of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Gladys (Zane) Geis of Oberlin, Kansas, Wilda Edwards of Blue Springs, Missouri, Dorothy (Victor) Fernandez of Wheatland; and brother Melvin (Barbara) Havelly of Slater are living at this time.

Those preceding Geraldine in death are her parents; grandson, Ronan Becker; and two brothers, Gerald and Garland Havelly.

Serving as pallbearers will be Tyler Lauck, Cooper Lauck, Michael Bise, Stephen Bise, Colby Becker, Jonathan Becker, and Damon Becker.

Serving as honorary pallbearers are all of her family and friends.

A memorial to the Platte County Ministry Co-op, P.O. Box 322 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).