

**Margaret E. Pense**  
March 22, 1914 - May 13, 2002

A celebration of the life of Margaret E. Pense, 88, was held on May 13, at the Platte Funeral Chapel in Wheatland, with Reverend Marvin Temme of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Torrington officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mrs. Pense died Mon., May 6, at Shepherd of the Valley Care Center in Casper.

Margaret was born March 22, 1914, on the Baker homestead near Slater, the daughter of George H. and Bertha (Redstrom) Baker. During her early years, the family lived in Colorado and returned to the Slater homestead in time for Margaret to finish grade school at the Goering School. She graduated from Wheatland High School and took Normal Training for one year, which allowed her to teach in rural schools. Her early teaching career found her at Marks, Goering, Chalk Hill, and the McDonald schools. While teaching at the McDonald school, she met Alba A. Pense and they were married May 14, 1938, in Hot Springs, S.D. After her marriage, Margaret lived on the Pense homestead at Iowa Center. She was an avid gardener, 4-H leader and Sunday school Teacher. After her husband's death in 1968, she returned to school and then worked in Guernsey school system as a clerk-typist and later at the Senior Friend-

ship Center in Torrington. She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church and the Retired Teacher's Association. Hobbies included sewing, gardening, traveling, latchhook rugs, and studying God's word.

Margaret is survived by three daughters and their husbands, Barbara and Ted Sterkel of Torrington, Gloria and Jim Lawrence of Casper, and Rita Ann and Leo Urbanek of Lander, a sister, Edith Kamberg of Portland, Oregon; two brothers, Clarence Baker and Bert Baker both of Torrington; nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Alba Artemas Pense on Jan. 17, 1968; two brothers; a sister and a granddaughter.

Serving as pallbearers will be Shawn Booth, Neil Foos, Christopher Schmeltzer, Kristopher Urbanek, Ken Urbanek and Michael Booth. Honorary pallbearers will be James A. Lawrence, Byron Booth and Eric Thompson.

Memorials to the Chugwater Community Center, P.O. Box 102, Chugwater, 82210 or Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2973 East B, Torrington, 82240 would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.