

Ella M. Phelps, long-time resident succumbs Sept. 7

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Ella Mae Phelps, 86, long time resident of Wyoming, passed away Thursday Sept. 7 in Wheatland following an extended illness.

Ella Mae Jackson, the daughter of Andrew and Sarah Jackson, was born in Ringgold county, Iowa, May 23, 1875. As a young girl she came to Greeley, Colo. with her parents. She was united in marriage to William W. Phelps June 28, 1894 at Holyoke, Colo. In the fall of 1895 they came to Wheatland where they made their permanent home ranching for many years on the Sybille 20 miles southwest of town. In 1916 they sold the ranch and moved to a farm west of Wheatland, later moving into Wheatland.

Her husband preceded her in death Oct. 19, 1951, and since that time she had made her home with her daughters in Wheatland.

She leaves to mourn her death one son, Otis Phelps, Spokane Wash.; five daughters, Mrs. Ma Davis, Mrs. Laura Runyan, Mrs. Cora Runyan, all of Wheatland Mrs. Eva Napier, Spokane and Mrs. Dora Braketa, Riverton. One son, Kelly, preceded his parents in death at the age of 9 years. She also leaves 14 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and many friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the Schrader Chapel with Rev. Harold Leppke of the First Baptist church officiating with interment in the Wheatland cemetery beside her husband.

Pall bearers were James Harris Bryce Orr, Gordon Drury, Frank Gilbert, Gay Robbins and Roger Mills.