

Shirley McCulloch Potts

1915 – May 3, 2015

After a long and productive life, Shirley McCulloch Potts passed peacefully on May 3 in Wheatland at 100 years of age. She was born and reared in Texas and lived her life as an agricultural wife there and in Wyoming. Her first marriage was to Preston McCulloch. After his death, she married Melvin Potts in Texas, where they danced and gardened, took long walks, and ranched for 31 years together. Besides dancing, she also enjoyed board games and farm and ranch work with her husbands. For several years, Shirley and Preston owned a combination pool hall and lunch counter in Wheatland, where she developed a reputation for delicious pies. She was a skilled cook and seamstress. In character, she was honest and straightforward, and had a witty personality.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents Jim and Hallie (Smith) Franklin, by her husbands and her son, Clyde McCulloch and by nine brothers and sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.



One sister (Shirley's "baby" sister) survives, a lively and beloved Maxine Franklin Hodges. Also surviving: daughter Gay Nell McCulloch Ashenhurst (Larry) and their children, Lance Ashenhurst, Lanell Ashenhurst and Thane Ashenhurst (Keri), and their children Oliver, Slater and Chloe. Also still living are her daughter-in-law Myrtle McCulloch and the McCulloch

grandchildren: Brent McCulloch (Diane) and their sons, Brandon, Devin and Barrett; Troy McCulloch (Robin); and Nalene McCulloch Hobby (Doug) and their sons, Cody, Dillon and his sons Cruz, Calvin and Colton. Still living also are Melvin's children, Kathy Potts Hanson and her son, Melvin Hanson, Jaunell Potts Palmore (Pat), and her children, Shelly Hargrove and Tonya Hargrove Cockburn (Jeff), and tier children, Cullen Cohen and Conley; Shelia Potts; and Natalie Potts. A family graveside service will be held at a future time.