

Wheatland

OUR NEWS

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WHEATLAND, WYOMING, TUESDAY

Mrs. Mary Preuit Dies At Her Home At 95 Yrs. Of Age

Death claimed one of Wheatland's most aged citizens Tuesday, with the passing of Mrs. Mary Preuit, 94, at her home here. Mrs. Preuit, a resident of the community since 1930, was named Platte county's "Mother of the Year" for 1954.

Her surviving children are Amos A. Preuit, Omaha, Nebr.; Oral S. Preuit, Wheatland; Elmer L. Preuit, Marshall, Mo.; Edward B. Preuit, Wheatland; Ms. Mae Davis, Torrington and Mrs. Lola E. Gray of Wheatland, "Grandma" Preuit had 29 grandchildren, 52 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren.

Born in DeWitt, Mich., March 17, 1860, she was raised by her grandparents, after her father was killed by Indians. She made her home in Waco, Nebr. before coming to Wheatland. Mrs. Preuit had remained active most of the time despite failing health in recent years. She was affiliated with the Christian church.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at the Christian church, with the minister of the church, Floyd Hopper, in charge. Her grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Burial will be in the local cemetery.



Grandma Preuit was selected by the committee to be the representative candidate of the county to vie for honors as State Mother.

Grandma Mary Louise Carpenter Preuit was born in DeWitt, Michigan, (near Lansing), March 17, 1860. Early in life her father was killed by Indians while trying to recover his horses, stolen by them. After his death she went to make her home with her grandparents Middleton.

In 1874 she accompanied her grandparents in an immigrant train, consisting of five covered wagons, on a trek to eastern Nebraska. She tells of waiting three days for the flooded Missouri River to recede before they were able to cross over on the ferry. They homesteaded in York county, Nebr., where she grew to womanhood and married William Marion Preuit. Mr. Preuit came west and helped build the first railroad west of Lincoln.

To this union were born nine children, seven boys and two girls, and she is a devoted mother. She became a member of

ago and has practiced her beliefs throughout her lifetime.

The pioneer spirit with which she was endowed, became apparent in her children. As they became older they journeyed westward and settled in and around Wheatland. In 1931 she decided to come west to be with them.

Even at the age of 94, Grandma Preuit still pursues the life pretty much as she had years ago. She lives alone, keeps up her own place, bakes bread every Saturday, cooks and in her spare moments she sits and makes rugs (one a week average). She keeps up her civic activities and never failing to vote as long as her health permitted.

Along with her multitude of friends, Grandma has her six children, twenty-nine grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren to shower her life upon. Her half sister, Sarah Hobson, still lives in Waco, Nebr.

Grandma Preuit is truly a candidate for the Mother of the State honors and Wheatland is