

# Virgie May Preuit

WHEATLAND — Services for Virgie May Preuit, 83, will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at First Christian Church by Andy Gudahl, minister. Interment will be at the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mrs. Preuit died June 30, 1994, at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland following a long illness. She was born Aug. 14, 1910, in Kane, Wyo., to Charles Thomas and Margaret Leona (Hixson) Moore. The family moved to a ranch southwest of Wheatland when she was 9 years old. She attended country school at Sybille, Wyo., and graduated from Wheatland High School in 1930.

She attended normal training at the University of Wyoming and

taught elementary school until her marriage to Edward Burton Preuit in Gering, Neb., on Nov. 27, 1931. At that time, teachers could not be married and she quit teaching.

The couple ranched and farmed north of Wheatland. Active in many organizations and community projects, Mrs. Preuit was a member of First Christian Church, Banner Rebekah Lodge No. 16, Mountain View Farm Bureau Club, Town and Country Garden Club, Golden Age Club and Old Grads.

She was a Sunday school teacher for more than 54 years, worked for Great Western Sugar for 23 years, and was instrumental in establishing a hot lunch program in Wheatland schools. Mrs. Preuit also helped organize the first area Parent Teacher Association, was a Platte County Fair judge for many years and worked on the election board for a number of years.

Her hobbies included gardening, ranching, farming and working with her flowers. A devoted family woman, Mrs. Preuit was known for her cooking. Her husband called her "the best cowboy he ever knew."

In addition to her husband, survivors include a son and daughter, Tom Preuit and Helen Bauer, both of Wheatland; his stepson, Richard Preuit of Wheatland; three sisters, Margaret Gaddis of Wheatland and Doris Cheever and Beula O'Bryan, both of Cheyenne; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a brother, Charles T. Moore; a sister, Dorothy Carey; one granddaughter and a great-grandson.

Friends may call at the Platte Funeral Chapel on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Memorials to either First Christian Church Sunday School Program or to the SIDS Program, Greater Montana SIDS, 3136 1/2 Howard Rd., Helena, Mont. 59601 would be appreciated by the family.