

PURCELL, BLANCHE H. SOWERS

February 8, 1894-May 27, 1978

Blanche H. Purcell, age 84, passed away Saturday, May 27, 1978 at her home here in Wheatland. Services were held on Tuesday, May 30 at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church with Dan Barcus officiating. Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Myles Echelberger, Leo Norris, Kenneth Cook, Clayton Rietz, Dr. H.D. Schroeder, and Lavon Cochran. Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Blanche was born to Thomas and Laura Sowers on February 8, 1894 in Pike County, Illinois. She and Roy B. Purcell were married September 28, 1917 in York, Nebraska. Blanche has been a resident of Wyoming since 1917 coming to Wheatland in 1936 from Midwest. She was a member of the First Christian Church and a member of the Country Women's Club. A graduate of York Business College, Blanche had worked in the office of Superintendent of Schools for many years.

She is survived by her son Don of Wheatland; a grandson, Mike Purcell of Wheatland; and two great granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy June 13, 1961; a brother, Ora Sowers and a sister Edith Parmaley.

A memorial has been established to the First Christian Church.