

PHYLLIS MARIE (WEBER) THALKEN

October 30, 1931 ~ October 26, 2022 (age 90)

Phyllis Marie Weber Thalken, known as Muzzy to most, was born on Friday, October 30, 1931 to Joseph "Joe" and Hazel Pearl (Anderson) Weber in Sunrise, Wyoming. She joined her older brother, Glen, on the family farm south of Guernsey, Wyoming and lived there her entire life. Her early childhood was during the Great Depression with no indoor toilet and limited electricity supplied by a wind charger. During the three to four weeks of wheat harvest, she would daily help her mom butcher chickens, bake pies and cakes to feed the harvest crews. Throughout her growing up years, she kept her mom very busy with her energetic personality. In her teenage years, World War II broke out and brought with it food rationing and limited gas. She learned the art of sewing from her mom and it served her well throughout her life, as she shared her skill with her daughter and granddaughters.

During her 15th year, a young man named John Eugene Thalken moved to Guernsey with his family and became best friends with her brother. After graduating from Guernsey High School at 17, they were married on July 3, 1949. And thus began, the most beautiful 66 years of their lives. They welcomed John Phillip on November 18, 1951 and Kathryn Ann followed on May 12, 1954.

Throughout their marriage, Muzzy was plagued with poor health; however, that didn't keep her from loving and caring for those who were blessed to enter her life. She had boundless creative energy and drive which led her to work with Junior Grange, church youth group, 4-H, Camp Grace as a counselor and craft leader, and any other activity involving kids.

As a young girl, she gave her life to Jesus. Her faith was instrumental in developing her kind and loving spirit. She was always ready to help anyone in need. She was happy to feed anyone who came into her home and opened her door to many young people. She left an indelible mark on every young person she worked with.

She was a devoted farm wife, mother, and grandmother to her two children, nine grandchildren, and thirty great-grandchildren. She delighted in visiting, giving gifts, and advice to all of them. When encouraging children to do something they didn't want to do, her favorite expression was, "This will be good experience."

Even with poor health, she was able to remain in her home for six and a half years after John died, due to her strong will and caring family. Four days shy of her 91st birthday, her life on earth came to an end in the Douglas, Wyoming at the Memorial Hospital of Converse County on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 surrounded by her loving family. She will most certainly be missed by all.

A celebration of life was held at Wheatland Bible Church on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 3:00 P.M with Pastor Tony Borton officiating. Interment was held at the Wheatland Cemetery.

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