

Doris "Eileen" Utter

Funeral services for Doris "Eileen" Utter, 75, were held Friday, Nov. 14, 1997, at 2 p.m., at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland, Wyo., with Reverend Les Ludlam officiating. Interment were in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mrs. Utter died Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colo.

Eileen was born March 9, 1922, in Torrington, Wyo., the only child of Fred Allen and Mabel Marie (Logan) Hanes. The family moved to Riverton, Wyo., where Eileen was educated and graduated as valedictorian of her class at Riverton High School. In 1941, she moved to Wheatland to work for the Rural Electric Association. Eileen married J. Emerson Utter on July 10, 1944, in Riverton. They farmed west of Wheatland for 32 years before Eileen moved to town, two years after Emerson's death. During her life, she was a 4-H leader for many, many years; assisted at numerous county fairs as a judge as well as in other capacities, Eileen was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church serving as historian and maintaining the carillon bells; a member of the United Methodist Women; and assisted in establishing the church library. She was member of the Wheatland Garden Club for over 40 years, serving as president several times; a charter member of the Wheatland Art Guild, winning many awards for her artwork at county and state fairs. She was member of the Farm Bureau and the Wheatland Country Women's Club. Eileen enjoyed painting, crafts, crocheting and fancywork; she was an avid reader, enjoyed traveling and was a pioneer in the world of computers.

She was a devoted mother to Bonnie DenDooven of Las Vegas, Nev., Chloe Jones of Laramie, Wyo., Kevin Utter of Fort Collins, Colo., Alan Utter of Wheatland; step-sons, Dennis Utter of Kenisaw, Neb., Brian Utter of Milford, Neb.; eighteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Emerson on May 12, 1974; and a son Lynn Dee Utter on Dec. 30, 1962.

Serving as pallbearers were Lee Johnson, Ken Lider, Jim Meyer, Dick Schroeder, Gene Scott and Ed Drury.

Memorials to the United Methodist Church, 909-9th Street, Wheatland, Wyo., 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.