

# Mary A. 'Aunt Sis' Wiant

April 28, 1918 – November 22, 2007

A funeral service for Mary A. "Aunt Sis" Wiant, 89, was conducted Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Wheatland, Wyo. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, at her home near Wheatland.

Mary was born April 28, 1918, in South West City, Mo., the eldest child of Lee and Oma (Robison) Hammer. The family moved to Wyoming on French Creek when Mary was an infant. She was reared and educated in Encampment. At the age of 15, she began work as a cook at a "Tie camp". In 1934, she married Vern Nylander and to this marriage three children were born, Lloyd, Karl "Corky", and Joyce. In 1945, she married Irven Rose and three children were born to this union, Judy, Irven Lee, and Keith. Mary married Ira J. Wiant in 1958 and they resided in Encampment until 1986 when they moved to Wheatland; living in Encampment in the summers and the winters in Wheatland. Beginning in 1999, they lived in Wheatland full-time. She ran a grocery store, gas station, stove shop, and had a wild game processing business for several years at Encampment and also had a mail route for eight years. Mary was a member of the Rebekahs, served on the F.H.A. Board in Rawlins, and was on the

Town Council in Encampment. She enjoyed hunting and fishing and was the first licensed woman outfitter and guide in Wyoming. She loved telling stories, raising cattle and sheep, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter, Judy and husband, Bill Windmeier of Wheatland; two sisters, Nellie Rose of Pavillion, Wyo. and Jeanette Romios of Encampment, Wyo.; eleven grandchildren, Zane, Jill, Michael, Keith, Kelly, Debbi, Wendy, Carrie, David, Bill, and Susan; 29 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her three husbands, Vern Nylander, Irven Rose, and Ira J. Wiant; five children, Lloyd Nylander, Karl "Corky" Nylander, Joyce Nylander, Irven Lee Rose and Keith Rose; three brothers, Robert "Mike", Howard "Pat", and James Hammer; and a sister, Maxine Dettinger.

Pallbearers were Glen Bohenger, Zane Morris, Patrick Tyler, Mike Hoffman, John Bunker, and Wade Waldrip. Honorary pallbearers were all of her family and many friends.

Memorials to the Grand Encampment Museum, P.O. Box 43, Encampment, WY 82325 would be appreciated by the family.

Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.