

Ethel Katherine Woolsey

7-4-1993

Funeral services for Ethel Katherine Woolsey 83, were Thursday, July 8, 1993, at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, Wyoming with Andy Gudahl and Dan Driggs, Ministers, officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery. Mrs. Woolsey died Sunday, July 4, 1939 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

She was born August 15, 1909, in Waco, Nebraska, the daughter of W.H. and Ida May (Ballard) Preuit. The family moved to Shawnee, Wyoming, when Ethel was about nine years old. They homesteaded a land claim for several years. In 1922, the family moved to Wheatland and Ethel attended school. She was an excellent girl's basketball player in high school and graduated with the class of 1928. She took "Normal Training" so she could teach and taught country school for several months until December 26, 1928, when she and Boyd Woolsey eloped to Henry, Nebraska, to begin a long and happy married life together that lasted 60 years before death parted them. The Woosleys were long-time bee keepers and their "Rainbow Apairy" produced an excellent honey enjoyed by many. Ethel loved gardening and her flowers will continue to give people beautiful bouquets. She was an excellent cook and had a great love for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was a life-time member of the First Christian Church and the Mountain View Farm Bureau Women's Club.

She is survived by her two children, Lois Jean Artery and Charles William Woolsey and wife, Rosemary, all of Wheatland; a brother, Kenneth Prueit of Fort Collins, Colorado; six grandchildren, Jackie Christensen of Carseland, Alberta Canada; Mike Short of Wheatland; and Sand Dee Short of Tuscon, Arizona; Michele Artery of Wheatland; Cheryl Deuel of Guernsey, and Scott Woolsey of Wheatland; nine great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Boyd on July 10, 1989; four brothers, Bill, Archie, Charley and Chet; and one sister Betty Lou Frederick.

Serving as pallbearers were Bruce Deuel, Scott Woolsey, Levon Cochran, George Woolsey, Wayde Lauck, and Charlie Lee Preuit.

A memorial to the American Cancer Society or a charity of choice would be appreciated by the family. The Platte Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.