

# Ruth Ella Ashenhurst

*March 18, 1913 – January 17, 2008*

A funeral service for Ruth Ella Ashenhurst, 94, was conducted on Sunday, January 20, 2008, at Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland. Interment will be held privately at a later date in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Thursday, January 17, 2008, at her home in Wheatland surrounded by her family.

Ruth was born March 18, 1913, in Limon, Colorado, the daughter of Joseph A. and Ella (Hubbart) McLees. Her father worked for the railroad and the family moved with him when he was transferred. They homesteaded at Campstool southeast of Cheyenne; moved to Slater where Ruth attended grade school; and, then to Cheyenne where she went to high school. On October 18, 1933, she married Hal L. Ashenhurst in Greeley, Colorado. They made their home in Cheyenne until 1938 when they moved to Slater and farmed until Mr. Ashenhurst's death in 1999. Ruth was a member of the Slater Woman's Club, past matron of the Order of Eastern Star in Chugwater, guardian of Job's Daughters in Wheatland, and a member of Daughters of the

Nile. She was an avid bowler and golfer. There were many times when she temporarily cared for children in the family who had lost a parent.

Survivors include her two children, Charlene Starrs and husband, Bill of Cheyenne and Larry Ashenhurst and wife, Gay Nell of Wheatland; a sister, Bernice Goertz of Riverton, Wyoming; a brother, Murray McLees of Loveland, Colorado; six grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Hal on February 1, 1999; and five brothers, James, Frank, Joseph, Andrew, and Robert.

Serving as pallbearers were Lance Ashenhurst, Thane Ashenhurst, Oliver Ashenhurst, William Starrs, Larry Ashenhurst, Alan Richardson, Rick Howard, and Chan Bayne.

Memorials to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Fairfax Road at Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84103, would be appreciated by the family.

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