## ATKINSON, MAE KATHRYN November 21, 1902-March 28, 1978

Services were held Saturday, April 1, 1978 at the First Christian Church for Mae Kathryn Atkinson with Dan Barcus officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland cemetery. Mrs. Atkinson passed away Tuesday, March 28, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital Nursing Wing at the age of 75.

Serving as pallbearers were Arthur Burnett, Richard Preuit, Stuart Barry, John Bell, Tom Atkinson and Lawrence Atkinson. Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. A Memorial has been established to the Platte County Senior Citizens Center.

Mae was born in Hillrose, Colorado, November 21, 1902 and was raised in the Grand Junction, Colorado area. She attended college and came to Wyoming to teach rural schools in the Marshall and Garrett areas. She married a neighboring rancher, Merl Atkinson, March 1, 1923. The couple made their home on Antelope Creek where they raised their family, farmed and ranched.

In 1949, Mrs. Atkinson moved to Wheatland and taught school here for a short time. She then went to work for the Platte County sheriff's department as a radio dispatcher in the radio room during the 60's. She was a member of the Wheatland Banner Rebekah Lodge and was a Past Noble grand, she was active in the Laramie Dell Club and had been a member of the Royal Neighbors. She was very active in her church, the First Christian Church, until the time of her death.

She is survived by two sons, Kenneth Atkinson of Garrett and Charles Atkinson of Sheridan; four granddaughters, Deb Ekwall, Kathy, Laurie and Barbara Atkinson; and one sister, Alice Hill of California. She was preceded in death by a brother, John.