Clara Elizabeth Brecht

December 23, 1922 - February 13, 2005

Funeral services for Clara Elizabeth Brecht, 82, were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wheatland, with the Reverend Lincoln Winter officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Sunday, Feb. 13 at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Clara was born December 23, 1922, in Cotesfield, Neb., the daughter of Harry and Roda (Brown) Kilpatrick. She was reared and educated at Cotesfield. She moved with her family to the Laramie Peak area and worked on various ranches helping with children, substitute school teaching and whatever needed to be done.

Clara moved into Wheatland and lived with the Jack White family in 1945 and met her future husband, Harry Herman Brecht. They were married on Jan. 6, 1946, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wheatland. They bought a ranch/farm east of Glendo, Wyoming, and made their home there until 1981 when Harry died and Clara moved back to Wheatland.

Clara was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Meadowdale Women's Group in Glendo when she lived there. Clara enjoyed gardening, sewing, travel, and was active with the residents of the local nursing home.

Survivors include her two children and their spouses, Dorothy Tozier and husband, Steve of Naperville, Ill. and Kenneth Brecht and wife, Joey of Gillette; a brother, Charles Kilpatrick of Omaha, Neb.; numerous half brothers and sisters and step brothers and sisters; and two grandchildren, Kristin Tozier Kucala and husband, Tom of Cortland, Illinois and Jason Tozier of DeKalb, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harry on Sept. 4, 1981; two brothers, Glenn Kilpatrick and Harold Kilpatrick; and two sisters, Lucy Koch and Elsie Couch.

Serving as pallbearers will be Larry Cundall, Ron Smith, Kelly Roediger, Dave Barrett, Dan Brecht, and Richard Schamel.

Memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 216, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the funeral chapel on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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