

# Ruth Anne Garrett Dodge

May 10, 1911 – March 2, 2005

Funeral services for Ruth Anne Garrett Dodge, 93, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 7 at First Christian Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating. Interment was in the Rigdon Family plot in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Wednesday, March 2 at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Ruth Anne was born May 10, 1911, in Cheyenne, the daughter of Charles Loammi and Etta Goodrich (Lund) Rigdon, the third of five children. She was raised in Cheyenne where her father practiced law and was a United States Attorney for many years. She excelled in music, and took both dance and voice lessons in Cheyenne and later in Denver, Colo., where she attended Barnes Business College. On Aug. 20, 1932, she married Thomas S. Garrett in Gering, Neb. They lived on the Garrett Ranch at Garrett, Wyo., and raised two sons, Thomas Rigdon Garrett born in 1934 and Charles Roger Garrett born in 1940. After her husband's death in 1956, she became postmistress at the Garrett Post Office, retiring in 1982. On Oct. 20, 1957, Ruth married George Walter Dodge in Laramie. They lived on the River Ranch in Albany County until selling it in 1971 and moving into Laramie. In 1991, they moved to Wheatland. Ruth was active in numerous charities involving children and animals. She was initiated into Eastern Star in 1957 and served as Worthy Matron of Alpha Chapter # 1 in Laramie; Chapter #11 in Wheatland; and Chapter #44 in Hanna. She was also active in Cowbells and the Home on the Range women's group. Ruth was a skilled pianist and often performed at functions and painted numerous portraits and

watercolors.

Survivors include her two sons, Thomas R. Garrett of Wheatland and Roger Garrett and wife, Marilyn of Garrett; a niece, Barbara Neill of Sherwood, Ore.; two grandchildren, Andy Garrett and wife, Shilo of Wheatland and Barbara Richards and husband, Dan of Casper; four great grandchildren, Andrea Garrett of Blackhawk, Colo., Levi Garrett of Wheatland, and Charlie and Ben Richards both of Casper; and three nephews, Randall Heddon and Bradford Heddon both of Portland, Oregon and General James R. Beale of Washington, D.C.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother and grandfather, Dr. D.B. Rigdon (Wheatland's first resident Doctor), her parents; three sisters, Barbara Beale, Jane Leach, and Louise Heddon; a brother, Charles Rigdon; and her husbands, T.S. Garrett on March 13, 1956 and George Dodge on December 7, 1995.

Serving as pallbearers were Andy Garrett, Levi Garrett, Dan Richards, Allen Brooks, Karl Myer, and John Scott. Honorary pallbearers were Ariel Stevens, Barbara Kruse, Jean Thompson, Mary Barrett, Col. Milton Kaufmann, Barbara Neill, Kenneth Atkinson, Vi Goodrich, Don Robbins, and David Barrett.

Memorials to Memorial Fund - Intermountain Unit, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Virginia St. at Fairfax, Salt Lake City, UT 84103, Platte Animal Welfare Services Inc. (P.A.W.S.), P.O. Box 1501, Wheatland, WY 82201 or Animal Welfare Institute, Box 3650, Washington, D.C. 20007 would be appreciated by the family.

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