

DUFF, ZELMA MAE BRAWNER
October 2, 1924-February 9, 2009

A funeral service for Zelma Mae Duff, 84, was conducted at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, February 13, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Pastor Marvin Driskell officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Monday, February 9, 2009, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Zelma was born October 2, 1924, at Goshen Hole, Platte County, Wyoming, the daughter of Herschel Avery and Dollie Anna (Zimmerman) Brawner. She attended school in Veteran, Wyoming and the Notch School. When the family moved to the Wheatland Flats, she attended Wheatland schools where she graduated from high school.

Zelma married Leland Francis Duff on February 16, 1944, and to this union seven children were born. She and her husband owned and operated Westside Paint and Wallpaper until Leland's death. She also drove a school bus for the Wheatland schools, the Senior bus for the Senior Center, worked at Great Western Sugar Company weighing beets, and was a census taker for Platte County.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church since 1940. Zelma enjoyed all church activities, especially the children and was very active in the AWANA Club and dear to her heart was Camp Grace at Fletcher Park where she served on the Fletcher Park Board. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary serving as State Youth Chairman, working with the youth, helping them to understand the need to be loyal to a country where freedom is always at stake. She also served as the Wyoming State President for the V.F.W. Auxiliary in 2001. Zelma enjoyed doing needlepoint.

Survivors include her seven children: Richard Duff of Wheatland, Shirley Duff-Preuit of Fort Collins, Colorado, Phyllis Duff-Bach of Wheatland, Beverley Duff-Gritton of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Linda Duff-Trout of Fort Collins, Colorado, Debbie Duff-Byrd of Phoenix, Arizona and Donna Duff-Kinsley of Wheatland; a sister, Mildred Brawner of Wheatland; eleven grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Donald Brawner; and her husband, Leland on February 15, 1985.

Serving as pallbearers were Tom Rickard, Rod Birkle, Dana Kinsley, Jim Futch, Ken Yergler, and Larry DuVall. Honorary pallbearers were her family and many friends.

Memorials to the First Baptist Church would be appreciated by the family.

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