

NIELSON, ADA MAY ROBERTS

February 2, 1926-June 26, 1948

Mrs. Lloyd Nielson passed away at the Wheatland hospital Saturday afternoon from burns received at her home Saturday morning when she attempted to revive a fire with kerosene. Mrs. Nielson and her two small children were home alone at the time of the accident and she had attempted to rebuild a fire in a wood stove with kerosene. A chunk of coal was in the stove and when she poured the kerosene on the fire, it exploded, setting her clothes on fire and scattered flames throughout the room.

She immediately got the two children outside and rolled in the grass to extinguish the flames and started calling for help. Vern Blodgett was building a house just a quarter of a mile from the Nielson home, heard her cries for help and went to her assistance. By the time Blodgett reached the Nielson home, Mrs. Nielson's clothing had all burned.

He attempted to go in the house to call a doctor and ambulance, but the house was filled with flames so he moved the children to a safe distance and started for help. Two cars were parked at the top of the hill working on the new highway and he thought he could reach them and send them on for help, but both were gone by the time he reached the top of the hill and he had to come on in to town.

Dr. Allison and the Schrader ambulance brought Mrs. Nielson and children to the hospital where she succumbed a few hours later.

Blodgett remarked at the time he left Mrs. Nielson and the two children to come for assistance that she was more concerned about the welfare of her children than herself. The one child received minor burns and the other was unharmed.

Ada May Roberts Nielson, 22, was born in Glendo on February 9, 1926 and had resided in this community for the past three years. She had attended the Sunrise school and had taught school east of Glendo for a term.

She is survived by her husband, Lloyd Nielson, two sons Freddie, nine months and Alvin, 2; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Roberts of Wheatland; six brothers, David, Henry, Clifford, Albert, Wesley and Everett, all of Wheatland and two sisters, Mrs. Lester Strong of Wheatland and Mrs. George Aufdengarten of Hartville.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Methodist church with the Rev. R.A. Klein officiating. Pallbearers were Fred Smith, Lowell Smith, Loren Smith, Gerald Smith, Andy Adair and Walter Johnson. Burial was in the Wheatland cemetery.