

Lorraine Ruth Wilson

Services for Lorraine Ruth Wilson Russell, 86, will be held Wednesday, April 22, at 10:30 at the Platte Funeral Chapel in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Andy Gudahl, Minister of the First Christian Church officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mrs. Russell died Thursday, April 16, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland, after a brief stay.

Lorraine was born September 27, 1911, at Bordeaux, Wyoming, the daughter of Leonard F. and Nellie (Burnett) Wilson. She enjoyed the distinction of being the second girl baby born in Platte County. She grew up in the Slater Flats area, and attended school in the Slater area. She moved to Rogers, Ark. with her parents where she graduated from High School. She met and married Ernest Russell on October 31, 1931, in Arkansas. They returned to the Slater Flats area where they farmed for many years, and where they raised their only son, Bill. She was active in archery and loved camping with her grandchildren. Lorraine was a charter member of the Slater Women's Club, and participated in the many community projects. She was the favorite "Aunt Yane" and loved babysitting her many nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She spent many hours sewing and crocheting. Many friends and relatives were proud recipients of her handmade quilts and afghans. For many years there wasn't a baby born in the Slater Flats that didn't receive an afghan from Lorraine.

Lorraine is survived by her beloved son and daughter-in-law, Bill and JoDale of Chugwater, Wyo.; a brother, Lloyd Wilson of Torrington, Wyo.; two sisters, Burnetta Blevins of Roger, Ark., and Lola Faulk of Tulsa, Okla.; three grandchildren, Gayle Ditges of San Antonio, Texas, Newton Russell and wife Wendy of Slater, Wyo. and jack Russell of Torrington; and six great grandchildren, Brian, Jordan, Jennifer, Kyla, Rebeka, and Ashley.

She was preceded in death 10 years ago, by her husband of 56 years, Ernest; her parents; three brothers; one sister; and one nephew.

Serving as pallbearers will be Newton Russell, Jack Russell, Kevin Burkett, Ron Burkett, Jimmy Wilson, and Brent Wilson. Honorary pallbearers will be Jerry Burkett, Jerry Gebhart, Dan Artery, Dave Artery, Brad Wilson, and Brian Russell.

Memorials to Slater Hall, Corporation, P.O. Box 56, Chugwater, Wyoming 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.