

Ann Elizabeth (Wedemeyer) VanDercook

July 28, 1916 – February 12, 2005

Funeral services for former Wheatland resident, Anna Elizabeth (Wedemeyer) VanDercook, 88, were conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19 at Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel in Wheatland, with Pastor Andy Gudahl of the First Christian Church officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland.

She died Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Wilora Lake Healthcare Center in Charlotte, N.C.

Anna Elizabeth was born July 28, 1916, in Wheatland, the daughter of Frank Detlef and Mary Josephine (Johnson) Wedemeyer. She was reared and educated in Wheatland, graduating from Wheatland High School in 1933. During her high school years she was a player on the high school's very successful basketball team. After graduation, she spent the next four years working on the family ranch. She moved to Wash, D.C. where her sister lived and attended cosmetology school. Elizabeth married Charles Richard "Dick" VanDercook in Rockville, Md., on March 23, 1946. From 1947 - 1960, she operated her own salon called "Betty's Beauty Shop"

in Washington, D.C. In December of 1960, the family moved to Riverdale, Md., and she worked several different jobs until her husband's retirement in 1971. Following his retirement they traveled the country following Indianapolis-type auto racing. She moved to Charlotte in the late 1980's to be near her son and his family. Elizabeth enjoyed traveling, sharing photos with family and friends, and visiting.

Survivors include her son, Brian VanDercook of Charlotte; sister, Louise Orr of Wheatland; two grandsons, Christopher VanDercook and wife, Jessica and Corey VanDercook all of Charlotte; and a great grandson, Christopher VanDercook II of Charlotte.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband of 33 years, Dick on Aug. 31, 1979; and a sister, Dorothy Harding.

Serving as pallbearers were Brian VanDercook, Christopher VanDercook, Corey VanDercook, and Don Wedemeyer.

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