

BOWEN, MEREDITH JEAN RUNYAN

August 4, 1922-November 7, 2010

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Meredith "Jean" Bowen, 88, will be conducted at 11:00 A.M., Friday, November 19, 2010, at the First Christian Church, in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating.

She died Sunday, November 7, 2010, at the Platte County Memorial Nursing Home in Wheatland.

Jean was born August 4, 1922 in Wheatland, Wyoming to Ross Henry and Cora Belle (Phelps) Runyan. Due to her parents' business ventures, she lived in several Wyoming communities. Jean was a graduate of Riverton High School in Riverton, Wyoming. Following graduation, she married her high school sweetheart, Robert Slagle. Robert was killed in action while flying a mission over the Island of Corsica during World War II. They had one son Robert Bowen (Slagle II).

Jean married Joe Bowen August 4, 1947, in Worland, Wyoming, and they had a son Rick and a daughter Debra. They made their home in Worland where Joe and his partner were crop dusters. They later moved to a farm west of Wheatland where Joe began farming and later developed his livestock feeding and real estate businesses. In 1959 they moved into town where Jean lived at the same residence until moving into the nursing home in 2007. Jean enjoyed attending all the sporting and rodeo activities of her children; playing bridge with her friends; and reading was a favorite activity. The trips that she and Joe took with their close friends left her with some great memories. Attending the 1976 Olympics in Canada was just one of the highlights in her travels. She also enjoyed the sunny beaches of Hawaii and the desert weather of Arizona in the wintertime. Having her family come together during the holiday seasons gave her much comfort and joy.

Survivors include three children, Robert (Dixie Lee) Bowen of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Rick (Shelly) Bowen of Wheatland, and Deb (Bob) Meredith of Casa Grande, Arizona; seven grandchildren, Kristina (Christian) Kelker of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Robert (Megan) Bowen of Carthage, New York, Oliver (Dawn) Bowen of Tucson, Arizona, Todd (Tana) Howard of Cheyenne, Rikki (Cody) Thies of Gillette, Wyoming, and MacKenzie and Tricia Martin of Wheatland; six great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Kelker, Ben and Lily Jean Bowen, Tracen and Tripp Howard, and Avery Thies.

She was preceded in death by her parents: her husbands, Robert in 1944 and Joe on April 11, 2007; and a brother, Don Runyan.

Memorials to Platte County Memorial Nursing Home, P.O. Box 1148, Wheatland, WY 82201-1148 would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes-Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

Condolences may be left at www.gormanfh.com.