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Bessie Louberta Irvine

~~1-8-1988~~ Services for Bessie Louberta Irvine, 92, who died in Wheatland Jan. 8, 1988, were held Monday, Jan. 11, 1988 in the United Methodist Church in Wheatland, at 2:30 p.m. with Delbert Dick officiating.

Born in Clinton, Iowa, Aug. 22, 1895, Bessie was the daughter of John C. and Clara M. (Yates) Memmer. She came to Wyoming as a young girl with her family. They settled in South Flats west of Wheatland.

She and her brothers and sisters were the first students to attend the Axford School. Upon completion of the 8th grade she received a teacher's certificate and taught school at the Atkinson Ranch in Garrett. She then worked for H. M. Small on his ranch. She took up a homestead for Mr. Small in Hallock Canyon.

She married Jim Irvine Feb. 8, 1917 and they operated that homestead and built fences on the Laramie Plains. They moved to Slate Creek in 1923 and purchased a ranch. They operated that ranch and when he passed away in 1969, she continued to ranch until 1972 when she retired to Wheatland.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the Wyoming Stockgrowers, the United Methodist Church, and a 50-year member of the Country Women's Club.

She is survived by son James Irvine and daughter Francel Rietz, both of Wheatland, and by 4 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by 13 brothers and sisters.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the American Missionary Fellowship in care of Delbert Dick.

Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Schrader-Prell Funeral Home of Wheatland was in charge of arrangements.