

Freeda Marie Kestie

6-15-1998
Services for Freeda Marie Kestie, 84, were held Friday, June 19, at 2 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene in Wheatland, Wyo., with Pastor Larry Benjamin officiating. Inurnment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mrs. Kestie died Monday, June 15, at Iverson Memorial Hospital in Laramie, Wyo., following an extended illness.

Freeda was born November 23, 1913, in Havensville, Kan., the daughter of Louie Tillman and Effie May (Hudson) Loughmiller. When Freeda was about three years old the family, including her sister, Frances, moved to Wheatland. She attended school in Wheatland graduating from high school in 1934. Freeda married Eli Kestie on January 17, 1935, in Wheatland. They established their home on a farm west of Wheatland where they raised three children. They sold the farm in 1954 and moved to town. Freeda was a longtime member of the

First Nazarene Church where she served as Sunday School teacher for several years and was a member of the board. She enjoyed working in the fields with Eli, gardening and many other outdoor activities. She loved to go on family picnics and especially enjoyed Palmer Canyon. She drove school bus and cleaned offices for the Wheatland Irrigation District for several years after her husband's death. Freeda moved to the Platte County Services for Seniors Apartments in 1982, where she loved to read, make quilts, embroidery and grow plants. She moved to Platte County Memorial Hospital Nursing Home after suffering a severe stroke in 1997.

Freeda is survived by three children, Howard Kenneth Kestie, of Twin Falls, Idaho, James Courtney Kestie of Sheridan, Wyo., and Fanny Marie (Kestie) Pasley of Laramie, Wyo.; two sisters, Lois Swaim of Wheatland and Hazel Swaim of Sisters, Ore.; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Eli on March 9, 1970; an infant son; a brother, Robert Loughmiller; sister, Frances Arnold; and a granddaughter, Candy Kestie.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were her loving grandchildren, Jessie Hicks, Cheryl Burnikel, Toni Craig, Leann Gehl, Gene "Spike" Kestie, Tammi Kestie, Mike Kestie, Howard Kraig Kestie, Mistie Kestie, Patti Kestie, Jeffery Kestie, Myles Pasley Jr. and Jeremiah Pasley.

Memorials to the American Heart Association, Cheyenne Regional Office, 1807 Capitol Avenue Suite 109, Cheyenne, WY 82001 would be appreciated by the family.

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