

ALMA BECKLEY

(1894-1961)

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Alma Lina Ike was born 10 May 1894 to Bernheil Ike in Washington State (no known site). Bernheil Ike and his daughter seemed to have been unrecorded publicly between her birthdate and her marriage to Edward T Beckley of Washakie County, WY. On his draft registration in 1917 he reports that he is married. Their only child was a daughter named Alma Jane Beckley born in Wyoming in 1923. The Beckleys lived on the upper Nowood essentially for the time of their marriage. She and Ed adopted a son ca. 1940/1941 named Patrick Morris. Alma was active in Nowood social clubs, the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars, auxiliary). She attended school functions both for Alma Jane and for Patrick, their adopted son; she was unfailingly cheerful and of good report. She passed away in 1961.

Memories: I became acquainted with Alma Beckley when she joined the auxiliary of the VFW and met with many other local women as mothers, wives and sisters of the veterans of foreign wars. She was entitled to it, I believe, through her adopted son Pat who joined the military about 1944/5. She knew that I sewed dresses for my three little daughters by hand so she brought me her treadle machine about 1960 and it was a great help to me! I will always be grateful to Alma Beckley for sharing with me. When I knew her she had white hair and very large dark eyes. She dressed well and carried herself well—in retrospect, a very good-looking older woman. fb

Mrs. Edward Beckley Dies in Rest Haven

Mrs. Edward (Alma Lina) Beckley, a long time resident of the Ten Sleep area and a long time correspondent for the DAILY NEWS, died Sunday afternoon at Rest Haven Nursing home in Thermopolis. She had been in ill health for some time and had been a resident of the home for about six months. She was 67 years old.

Mrs. Beckley had been a resident of the state for 45 years.

She was born May 10, 1894, in Seattle, Wash. She married Edward Thomas Beckley on Sept. 18, 1917, in Casper. Mrs. Beckley was a member of the Ten Sleep OES chapter, a member of the VFW Auxiliary where she had served as past district president.

She is survived by her husband; one son, Patrick Beckley of Moorcroft; one daughter, Mrs. Alma Jane McLaughlin, Buffalo; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Ten Sleep Methodist church with Rev. Bart Lockwood officiating. Burial will be in the Ten Sleep cemetery under the supervision of the Mortimore funeral home of Thermopolis.