

MARGARET BELLE BURGESS

1883-1965

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Margaret Belle (known simply as Belle) Guilfoil was born in Iowa in 1883 and lived in Nebraska at the time she met and married Albert C Burgess (Bert) in 1903. The couple lived in Mother Lake, Cherry, NE where both their sons: Russell A and Lucien F Burgess were born. She and Bert left Nebraska and bought land in the Tongue River area, thence they moved to Election District No. 6 (Hyattville) by 1920 and they owned their own home there as per the U.S. 1920 Census. In fact, Bert's WW I draft registration says they live in Hyattville as early as 1917 and "Paintrock Tales" (publ 2008) indicates they moved to Hyattville in 1914; at that time their son Russell would have been 9 years old and Lucien would have been 7 years old. Russell md Stella Hopkins and they had two children; Lucien F md Bethel and the couple had two daughters: Yvonne and Charlene Burgess. They both attended school in Ten Sleep in 1939. Compared with her contemporaries, she had a small immediate family and few grandchildren. Belle Burgess was a proud, erect and beautiful figure of a woman all of her days. She died in 1965 a year after her life-long partner passed away.

Memories: Belle Burgess was 'just that', she was a belle and a beauty. She could be seen with Bert at Speck's Café in Ten Sleep nearly every day at least once. The couple were outstanding in their appearance and what they stood for. Fb

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Burgess Rites Set Today In Ten Sleep

TEN SLEEP — The Rev. Howard Kildow and members of Signal Cliff chapter 47, OES, will officiate at funeral services at 2 p.m. today for Mrs. A. C. Burgess of Ten Sleep.

The services will be in the Ten Sleep Methodist church, with Atwood and Atwood mortuary of Basin in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers will be Rouse Anderson, James Anderson, L. J. Davis, Foster Mills, Joe Smith and Carl Williams.

Margaret Belle Guilfoil was born March 21, 1883, in Elliott, Iowa. She moved with her parents to western Nebraska, where she grew to womanhood. She was married to Albert C. Burgess on Sept. 30, 1903.

In 1914 the family moved to a ranch near Hyattville and later moved to Ten Sleep, where Mrs. Burgess resided until recently. She was an active member of Signal Cliff chapter, OES.

Surviving are one son, Lucien Burgess of Casper; one sister, two brothers, four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Burgess died Wednesday in a Casper nursing home. She was preceded in death by one son and her husband.