

**GLADYS T BURKE
(1898-1989)**

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BASIN — Gladys T. Burke died Saturday, Jan. 28, in the Wyoming Retirement Center. She was 90.

Burke was born in Lincoln, Neb., a daughter of Edgar and Josephine Trank. When she was five, the family moved to Wyoming where she received her elementary school education at Germania, now Emblem Bench. She graduated from Basin High School.

On Sept. 19, 1921, she married Milo Burke in Worland. They moved to Ten Sleep where they ranched until 1960. They then moved to Sheridan.

Her husband died in 1977. In 1978,

she moved to the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Buffalo where she lived until 1984 when she moved to the retirement center in Basin.

Survivors include one son, Milo Wesley Burke and a daughter-in-law, Roberta Burke of Ballwin, Mo.; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Ten Sleep Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Heikes officiating. Burial will be in the Ten Sleep Cemetery. Atwood Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Gladys Burke was born in Nebraska September 26, 1898 to Eddy and Gladys Trank. She married Milo (Colonel) Burke prior to 1921. The couple had a son born in 1922 who died in infancy 1922. Later another son was born Milo Wesley Burke who was their sole child to grow into manhood. The Burkes owned and operated The Wigwam, a community center and tourist camp located in the Ten Sleep canyon for several decades. Gladys was an active member of the community in the Auxiliary of the VFW, in community projects, etc. Many receptions were held at The Wigwam lodge where she catered and prepared for those events. She was an excellent seamstress and made more than one wedding dress for young women in the area. The Burkes were not only civic minded but non-aggressive and agreeable town citizens. Their son M Wesley Burke was educated in Ten Sleep schools, graduated from Ten Sleep High School and joined the U.S. Navy in 1944. The couple sold out the Wigwam to the Game and Fish Commission and a portion of their land to Walter Patch and moved to Sheridan, WY where they lived out their days.

Gladys was an energetic, tireless worker, and the Burke family maintained prosperity as long as they were the owners and operators of the Wigwam. A large white, tented Wigwam sat on the edge of the property and could be viewed from Highway # 16 in passing. In 1953 when my twin daughters were born, Gladys Burke made two of the most beautiful dresses for them and quietly gave the precious gift to me and quietly departed. fb