

Dorothy Marie Evans

1921 - 2016



Obituary

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January 12, 2016

Dorothy Marie Evans, 94-year-old former Ten Sleep resident passed away on January 12, 2016 at the Well Springs Post-Acute center in Los Angeles, California.

A daughter of a homesteader, Walter Oney Cheeney and Lourina Marie Van Zee, born on August 30, 1921 at her grandparent's homestead in Meadow, Wyoming. She lived on her parent's homestead west of La Grange, Wyoming until the age of 14. Due to the great Depression and the terrible southern Wyoming drought, the family was forced to move. They came to Ten Sleep to a ranch south of the Nowood River.

She attended grade school in a one house School house and more often her schoolmates were an uncle and her brother and sister. The last year (8th grade) was around the dining room table, due to so much dust you couldn't breathe. Her freshman year was at Ten Sleep High School, but with the terrible situation of getting to school, no bus and snow so deep and later muddy, Dorothy opted to go to work and work in Worland. She attended Worland High School graduating in 1939. She then attended the college of hard knocks, as employment was very scarce then. She became a librarian at the Ten Sleep Library on the 2nd floor of the Princess for just too low of wages. She decided to move to Thermopolis where she became a maid, cook, bath attendant, a butcherette and a waitress. When World War II broke out, she attended a defense school in Casper and became a defense worker from which she benefitted for the rest of her life.

War ended and her man never came home, so off to California she went where she lived from 1947 until 1983 when she returned to Ten Sleep.

In 1951 she married Lawrence Jeffers, they later divorced. She married Arthur Paul Evans in 1960 and became the mother of three step-children. She always said life began for her at age 40!

She was a member of the Ten Sleep Senior Fellowship, Ten Sleep Cemetery Board, VFW Woman's Auxiliary, but the most important membership she held was that of a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was here that she was active in teaching Jr. Sunday School, in Primary as a counselor and Relief Society as president, Stake Single Adult Leader and Stake Public Affairs Board, and all social activities which kept her focused on trying to be a good Christian.

She lived an active life, enjoying hobbies like dancing, vegetable and flower gardening, sewing, crocheting, painting, writing poetry, family history, quilting and games of all kinds including football,

baseball and card games. She always said she would rather wear out than rust out!

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Evans, her parents, brother Leonard Cheeney, and a step-son, Stephen Evans.

Survivors include her step-daughters, Paulette Michaels of Lancaster, California and Carol Christensen of Burbank, California, one brother Homer Cheeney of Greybull, three granddaughters and 5 great granddaughters.

A Memorial Service will be held in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Hospital for children in care of Bryant Funeral Home, PO Box 524, Worland, WY 28401. Bryant Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.