

Ola Elizabeth Austin Brown

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TEN SLEEP -- Ola Elizabeth Austin Brown, 94, of Ten Sleep, died March 25, 2005 at Shepard of the Valley Nursing Home in Casper.

She was born Feb. 26, 1911 to Jessie W. and Lucy (Harmon) Downs in Clovis, N.M. She was raised in New Mexico, Texas and Missouri.

Ola married Harry C. Austin on Nov. 26, 1928. They later divorced, and he died in 1973.

Following her marriage to Harry, the couple lived in Colorado and then moved to Casper in 1939. She worked as a seamstress at the Casper Mattress Company until becoming a partner with her husband upon purchasing the company in the 1940s. Following the divorce, she continued to run the company.

She married Addison Edgar "Bud" Brown on May 20, 1949 in Buffalo. He died July 10, 1993.

She and Bud moved to Ten Sleep in 1951 where they ranched for 19 years west of town. In 1965 they sold the ranch and moved to town, where he operated the Texaco station for three years before starting a repair business known as Bud's Welding & Repair.

Ola was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the Eagles Auxiliary in Worland and Casper. Her hobbies included gardening, sewing and making small crafts.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jerry Austin, and her daughter, Dolores Kay Austin, two husbands, her parents and by brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her sons, William H. Austin and Michael J. Brown, both of Ten Sleep, and Donald E. (Lou) Brown of Grand Ridge, Fla.; daughter, Jackie J. Phillips of Casper; 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday, March 31 at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Ten Sleep with Reverend Grover Briggs officiating. Burial will follow at Ten Sleep Cemetery.

Veile Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.