

Geneva Frimml Greet

1917 – 2007

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TEN SLEEP --- Geneva Marie Greet, 90, of Ten Sleep, died Feb. 6, 2007 at Worland Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center where she had resided since 1992.

She was born in Liscomb, Iowa on Feb. 6, 1917 to Frank J. and Cora Idabelle (Hartley) Frimml. She grew up on farms in Iowa, and graduated from Riverside High School at Tekamah, Neb. in 1934. Geneva then attended Union College in Lincoln, Neb. for one year.

Her sister was teaching school near (in) Ten Sleep, so Geneva came to Ten Sleep to help her sister with the children (students). Geneva then became the teacher the next year (1937-1938) and met her future husband. She and George E. Greet were married on May 18, 1938 in Ten Sleep. The couple made their home on the Greet Ranch at Big Trails, and she adapted to being a ranch wife.

Geneva was an active member of the Big Trails Seventh Day Adventist Church, and later (1969) the Ten Sleep Seventh Day Adventist Church. She was active in the Jolly Neighbors Club and the Big Trails Dorcas Society. She was a member of the Washakie County Cowbelles where she created the first design used on the Cowbelles napkins. She also was an accomplished artist, working in oils, acrylics, and pastels. She won the People's Choice Award at the Hyattville Art Show, and had garnered many ribbons at the Washakie County Fair.

Geneva also sewed the white shirts for the Ten Sleep Rodeo Assn., and loved to raise a big garden.

She was preceded in death by an infant son Marvin George Greet, and by her son Rodney Greet in 2003, her parents, six brothers and one sister.

Geneva is survived by her husband George Greet of Ten Sleep; her son Tom (Linda) Greet of Buffalo; her daughters Bonnie (Fred) Drake of Ten Sleep and Jeannie (Jeff) Jeffers of Worland; her daughter-in-law Ruth Greet of Cheyenne; a sister Edith Alexander of Loveland, Colo.; seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Following a family viewing, cremation will take place. Her memorial service will be held on Saturday Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Ten Sleep Methodist Church. Pastor Richard Stenbakken (of Loveland, Colo., and former pastor of Ten Sleep, Worland and Thermoplis Seventh Day Adventist Churches) will officiate at the memorial.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Wyoming at P. O. Box 1493 - Casper, WY 82602-1493.

Veile Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

(Burial will be in the Ten Sleep Cemetery at later date.)

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES OF GENEVA GREET written by Bonnie Greet Drake for funeral.

Geneva Marie Frimml was born February 6, 1917 in Liscomb, Iowa to Frank and Cora Idabelle (Hartley) Frimml. She had six brothers and two sisters. She attended several rural schools in Iowa, then graduated from Riverside High School near Tekamah,

Nebraska in 1934. The next school year she attended Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Geneva and two of her brothers drove to Denver, Colorado looking for work in 1936, where she got a house-keeping job.

Geneva's sister Edith Viola Frimml had come to Ten Sleep, Wyoming to teach the Seventh-Day Adventist Church School. Edith soon asked Geneva to come to help her. The lady that Geneva worked for had taught in Worland, Wyoming and encouraged her to teach.

The school was in the Seventh-Day Adventist church building. (The hall next to the Seventh-Day Adventist church now which had been the Ten Sleep Public School until the Adventists bought it in 1928.) Geneva taught the lower grades in the first story and Edith the upper grades in the second story.

The next year Edith moved on to another school, but Geneva came back to teach another year, where she met George Greet at a church social.

George was working with Dutch Mills at a sawmill in the Big Horn mountains above the dry farms. He came down nearly every weekend to see Geneva, "usually horseback, sometimes on skis."

They were married on May 18, 1938 in Ten Sleep, among the lilacs in Mrs. Fred Conner's yard, where she had boarded while teaching (recently the home of Golden and Clara Alred). From then on each spring was judged "early or late" by whether they were in bloom on that date.

George and Geneva had five children, Bonita (Bonnie), Rodney, Marvin George, Jeannie and Tom. Marvin died in infancy and Rodney died in 2003. They also have seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Our family has many precious memories of "Mom." She had many adjustments to make coming from a farming area to a ranching area. They lived on the Greet Brothers ranch, sixteen miles south of Ten Sleep on the Nowood river. She said that when they were choosing a location for their home her horse fell with her near two big cottonwood trees on a small knoll near Nowood Creek. The house was moved from Gebo. She loved the mountains but was maybe a little intimidated by them at first. They were "so Big" and she didn't know how you could get over them. She always studied the colors and the light over them.

Geneva loved her flowers and always raised a big garden. She was always willing to share "starts" of her flowers and fresh vegetables. She taught us to watch for new flowers or strawberries to ripen. On spring a couple of us kids tried to 'help' the Oriental Poppies bloom quicker by opening up the buds, not good.

She liked to cook and bake, and many times there were extra people at her table. Baking days were always special. She would make bread and cinnamon rolls and time it so they were coming out of the oven about the time we were coming home from school. We could smell them from a quarter mile away! They helped thaw out after a two and a half mile horseback ride from the Greet school or Big Trails school, or a mile walk for the younger children from the school bus.

She usually made cakes, cookies etc., "while the stove was hot." One year, during the World War II she mad angel food cakes, then Chocolate cakes, to use up the egg yolks, but used salt by mistake instead of sugar. They turned out beautifully. The next morning

the hired man, Emmett Egbert, came in early to talk to Dad. Dad offered him a piece or cake. He sat there and ate the whole piece without saying a word about it being salty! She also liked to sew for the whole family. She became noted for her western shirts. Many of them were colorful plaids. One year she made white ones with red embroidery for the Ten Sleep Rodeo committee.

She always liked to be outside and would go for walks with us. On moonlit nights, or in a snow storm. We often took horseback rides, or car rides, just to see the country. Some times we would get stuck too, but Dad always got us out.

Holidays were special too. The whole family would go to find and cut the Christmas tree. The year we got electricity in the 1950's she found bubble candle lights to put on it. Fascinating.

Any time was a good time for a big get together, or party. All the family, friends, and neighbors were welcome! Even some strays.

One Thanksgiving the ladies were in the kitchen getting things together. They had set the pies in a pass through window between the kitchen and the dinning room. Our Siamese cat, Troubles, was startled by a strange dog in "her" house. She just flew through the window. She left a few tracks in the pies, but that didn't keep us from eating them!

As we kids were away from home more and more, she took up oil painting then branched out into acrylics, water color and pastel chalk. Her attention to natural colors and light showed, especially in her landscapes. She sold some, probably gave away more and we all cherish the ones we have.

As the grand kids came along she loved every one of them, and they her. They often would stay with Grandma & Grandpa for awhile in the summer. They could ride horses, swim in the creek and she helped them and many other young people, learn to cook, sew and paint. They remember helping her cook big branding dinners. Painting an Aspen picture, or sewing their first dress or shirt. Sometimes they experienced some not so good times. One came in from helping Grandpa in the field. He heard a big clang in the kitchen. The lid had blown off the pressure pan full of beans. I guess the air got a little blue, and his hears burned a little, so he disappeared for awhile. Then came back to help her clean it up and get dinner on the table.

Another story I heard about was when she was trying out her new electric potato peeler on some zucchini squash. She didn't have it put together quite right and peelings were flying everywhere! They got that figured out too, but I don't remember her using it much! By the time great-grand kids were coming along she couldn't always recognize everyone, she always loved those babies.

In 1992 the family had to admit Geneva to the nursing home in Worland due to the progression of Alzheimer's disease, but George was so faithful in visiting and caressing her and when he could no longer drive the children tried to see that he got in to see and feed her once or twice a week up to her passing away.

So we all Thank you Lord for our wonderful Wife, Mother, Grandma, Friend and Teacher. We look forward to meeting her again when you come to take us home with You to that wonderful Home you are preparing for us where there will be more pain, sorrow or crying. Amen!

Marriage Notes for George Greet and Geneva Frimml:

May be the pastor who married George Edgar Greet and Geneva Marie Frimml, 18 May 1938, in the Conner yard in Ten Sleep, Wyoming.Rev.

Reginald F. Goff, Obituary, Northern Wyoming Daily News, Worland, Wyoming, 1 Oct. 1996, page 2.

Notes for Geneva Marie Frimml:

Invitation to Mrs. Frank Greet, 1938

You are cordially invited
to meet, and help shower,
Miss Geneva Frimml,
who is, in the near future, to be-
come the bride of
Mr. George Greet,
at the home of Mrs. Fred Greet,
on Thursday afternoon, May 12th,
at two o'clock.

BIG TRAILS [Newspaper clipping]

BRIDAL SHOWER

An occasion of interest to everyone in the Upper Nowood and Tensleep communities took place at the Fred Greet home on Thursday afternoon, May 12th, when Mrs. Greet, assisted by Mrs. Bert Ainsworth, Mrs. Zepha Rebedeaux and Mrs. Clarence Ainsworth, honored Miss Geneva Frimml, who became the bride of Mr. George Greet on Wednesday, May 18th at a miscellaneous shower.

Soon after the guests arrived, they noticed pictures of cowboys, in characteristic poses and occupations, posted in interesting places about the rooms. When the games were introduced, each slip of paper passed to the guests, contained a picture cut-out of a cowboy or of some necessary piece of his equipment. Cowboy sheets of paper were also passed, upon which the guests were asked to write good bits of advice, and household hints for the bride to preserve for future reference.

Finally, Miss Frimml was called to a room which had been kept carefully closed and guarded, and told that there was a cowboy all roped and tied in there, and she was to drag "him" out, which she did. He was wrapped in a blanket and covered with a slicker, because of the "shower." His boots, with spurs attached, were exposed to the weather, but cowboys don't mind a little exposure like that. Geneva was told to unwrap him and soon she discovered that "he" was made up of many packages of various shapes and sizes, wrapped in newspapers and tied with ordinary strings, tucked into the various garments of cowboy equipment. Before unwrapping, she was required to guess what each parcel contained. If she guessed correctly, she could keep the gift. If she made a poor guess, she forfeited the gift. When all had been opened and admired, she had to redeem each forfeited gift by putting on some piece of the "cowboys" apparel. By the time she had redeemed all of her gifts, she was a well dressed cowgirl. She received a lovely assortment of useful gifts for her new home.

Next the old familiar cowboy call, "Come and get it before we throw it out!" rang from the kitchen. The guests hastened to the "chuck wagon" where they helped themselves, round-up style, from the dutch oven, skillet, tin pans and kettles. Their napkins were decorated with cowboys in action. The bride-to-be was given one with a cut-out snap shot of her prospective husband in his best cowboy apparel.

Women from along the Nowood from Mahogany Buttes to Tensleep were present, and each reported a very enjoyable afternoon and expressed good wishes for a life of happiness to the bride-to-be.

WORLAND, WYOMING, THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1938 [Newspaper clipping]
Frimml-Greet Wedding--Tensleep

The lawn of the Fred Conner home, at Ten Sleep, with trees and lilacs furnishing a beautiful background, was the scene of a very pretty wedding, on Wednesday, May 18, 1938, when, surrounded by a small group of intimate relatives and friends, Miss Geneva Frimml became the bride of Mr. George Greet. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dwight Kitch, with Carl Mock assisting.

The bride, given in marriage by her close friend, Mrs. Conner, was lovely in a simple frock of white tulle and hat of white straw with rosebuds of pastel colors and a black veil, and carrying an arm bouquet of red tulips combined with ferns. The maid of honor, Miss Thelma Waln, was very attractive in a taffeta frock of hunter's green and an arm bouquet of lilacs, honeysuckle and ferns. The best man, Mr. Floyd Hills, and the groom each wore a dark blue suit.

Mrs. Greet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frimml, of Tekamah, Nebr., and has taught the Seventh Day Adventist Church school at Ten Sleep during the past two years. Mr. Greet is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greet, of Big Trails, and is well known in the Ten Sleep-Big Trails country. Both young people have attended Union college, at Lincoln, Nebr.

After the newly married pair had received the good wishes of their friends, they left for the Frank Greet home, where a family dinner was awaiting them. The long dining table had as a center piece, a lovely pink and white wedding cake, topped by a dainty bridal couple in miniature.

The neighbors had been invited to come for the evening to help celebrate the happy occasion, and, in spite of the rain and mud, several families gather to wish the young couple a happy future. After a pleasant evening of music and games, ice cream and cakes were served.

After a brief honeymoon trip to the home of Mrs. Greet's parents, in Nebraska, and other points along the way, the happy young couple plan to make their home in the cozy house that is being prepared for them on the Greet ranch, where George is employed.

We wish to extend the good wishes of the entire community to Mr. and Mrs. Greet for a long and prosperous life.

Geneva Greet Nominated for Quaeley Award By Jolly Neighbors

Jolly Neighbors Club wish to nominate Geneva Greet of Bigtrails for Quaeley Award. She was born February 6, 1917, as Liscomb, Iowa, the seventh of nine children. She taught school two years before marrying George Greet in 1938.

They had five children, the youngest, Thomas, is now at Bozeman Academy. The two older ones are married; Bonnie with her husband and children are on the Greet ranch, Rodney is now at Blanding, Utah after two years in Service based in Newfoundland, also working at Greenland, and Iceland. Jean, a college girl is home this year.

Geneva's influence in their home life has resulted in fine Christian young people.

As a ranch homemaker, her time has been divided between home, flowers, gardening, helping with cattle gathering, cooking for roundups, hospitality, sewing and her many outside activities.

Her home has always been open to friends and there were many social gatherings of neighbors, especially at Holidays, when anyone not having other plans, was invited. She joined Jolly Neighbors in 1939 soon after marrying and moving up NoWood, and was an active member in the Club and in all of our outside activities.

She served as president, vice president, Treasurer, Project Leader a number of times and was chairman of practically all the Club Committees and Devotional Leader at various times.

Although she lives at Bigtrails and roads are often difficult to travel she is faithful in attending meetings.

Ranches are not close and often children are few in number, but she has been 4H leader, once with children from Breeden's on up also . . . 'Red Bank Savages' raising chickens etc.

She was very active in decorating club Fair Booths, one year painting the rural scene across the entire back so attractively we won First Prize. I am sure it helped. She always brought a variety of products.

For a number of years, on the Fourth at Ten Sleep Rodeo, Jolly Neighbors had a refreshment booth to raise money and again Geneva took part. Often she was responsible for our prizes at the Parades. She was in charge of Washakie County Booth at Douglas State Fair twice.

On Achievement Day in Ten Sleep in 1962, in the old Princess, Geneva was chairman of decorating with paper flowers, also took part in the skit.

She belonged to the Congenial Club at Bigtrails until they disbanded.

Geneva and her husband are Farm Bureau members. She was chairman of the Women's Auxiliary.

Geneva designed the napkins for the Cowbells.

She was active in the Bigtrails Literary also the Bigtrails Christmas Club.

When Highway 16 was seeking publicity, she won the \$25.00 prize by her design for their insignia.

Twice I.F.Y.E. students were hosted by their family.

Geneva was president of the Ten Sleep P.T.O. when the swabbing program was started.

Geneva was Sabbath School Superintendent at Bigtrails also teacher a number of times and is now superintendent of Sabbath School of Bigtrails-Ten Sleep church.

She has attended Conventions at Kansas City and Casper as their delegate.

Last summer she was active in the Vacation Bible School of the Bigtrails-Ten Sleep Sabbath Sabbath School.

She has had success in her oil paintings, and is Vice President of Ten Sleep Art Club.

In 1953 took First Prize in Landscaping at Du Boise and the next year had a picture in the "Traveling Show."

Geneva has sold some paintings. She worked with the Bigtrails Red Cross group during the war and also with the Dorcas group.

On several occasions they provided a home for children for month or longer also for young people needing a place to stay.

She has helped care for others when no nurse was available, also worked in the hospital for a while.