

Mildred Louise Mills

1907 – 2004



BASIN --- Mildred Louise Mills, 96, of Big Trails, passed away January 5, 2004 at the Wyoming Retirement Center.

Mildred was born May 2, 1907 in Wheatland to Silas Claud and Margaret Blanche (Kenty) Hinds. She was raised in Wheatland and lived there until she was ten years old.

The family then moved to Sheridan and later to Casper, where Mildred graduated from Natrona County High School. After graduation she attended the University of Wyoming and received her teaching certificate.

Mildred then went to Ten Sleep and on to the Big Trails area by a horse drawn buckboard to begin teaching at the Red Bank School on the Upper Nowood. She met Roy Mills and married him on May 26, 1928 in Casper. Roy was working for Bear George McClellan.

The couple started homesteading about seven miles east of Big Trails in an area known as the dry farms. She and Roy lived there for six years raising their family of two girls and two boys.

In 1948 they moved down the mountain to the Brown place on Canyon Creek right at Big Trails. In 1951 they built their log home of which Mildred was so proud.

She enjoyed working at keeping her yard and garden as neat as her home. For many years the Mills home was the polling place for the upper Nowood area voters at election time.

Mildred was active in community affairs, serving on the school board for many years and on the Ten Sleep Cemetery Board for nearly 20 years. She was an active member of the Ten Sleep Methodist Church and the Ten Sleep Senior Citizen's Center.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters; one brother; her husband; daughters Delores Brown in 1870 and Joan Allen in 1983; an infant son, Bobby Arden Mills in 1932; another son, Donald "Ped" Mills in 2002; and by one grandson, Bob Brown in 1974.

She is survived by her son Gary (Donna) Mills of Ten Sleep; grandchildren Roger (Charlotte) Brown of Golden Meadows, La., and Cheryl (Butch) Belding of Riverton; great-grandchildren Virginia (Mario) Holcomb of Billings, Mont., Mandi Belding of Riverton, Celeste Brown of Galliano, La., and Kelly Beck and Justin Brown of Golden Meadows, La.; and great-great-grandchildren Dylan Brown, Robert Schiff, and Kaeli Schiff.

Services will be held Jan. 10, 2 p.m. at Ten Sleep Methodist Church with Reverend Charles Cooper and Pastor Stephen Ferriss officiating. Burial will follow at Ten Sleep Cemetery. Veile Mortuary of Worland

is in charge of the arrangements.

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