

Phyllis Pierson Moses

1933 – 2009

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TEN SLEEP --- Longtime Ten Sleep resident Phyllis M. Moses died on June 17, 2009 at Worland Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center following a battle with cancer. She was 76 years old.

Phyllis was born Jan. 28, 1933 in Buffalo, the only child of Milo and Olive (Smith) Pierson. She was raised in logging camps on the Big Horn Mountains. She met Millard Mabry (Scotty) Moses while he worked as a logger for her father. The couple married on June 4, 1949 in Buffalo.

Following their marriage she made her home in numerous towns in Wyoming and neighboring states while the family followed construction jobs. In 1963 the settled back in Scotty's hometown of Ten Sleep.

Phyllis left her unique imprint on people through the jobs she held. As a "flagger", tourists to Wyoming would often visit with her while waiting at highway road projects, a true ambassador for the state. Hunters from out of state would often regale her with their hunting stories as she checked their game and hunting licenses while she worked at the Wyoming Game Check Station.

She worked as a cook in the area where her homemade style of cooking made it into many local cafes and mountain lodges. She was renown by her grandchildren for her endless supply of "best ever" sourdough pancakes.

Phyllis was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as a member of the Chief Washakie Chapter, serving as the Regent, Chairman of the American Indians Committee, State Librarian and was their chaplain at the time of her death. She received state recognition for her efforts in the afghans and lap robes project for the VA Hospital in Sheridan.

She was active in the Ten Sleep VFW Auxiliary where she was president in 2002. She also was dedicated to the Ten Sleep Helping Hands Club and the Ten Sleep Lioness Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband Scotty in 2003.

Phyllis is survived by her children Michael A. Moses of Ten Sleep, Patrick L. Moses of Pavillion, Charles D. (Karen) Moses of Centennial, Colo., Jacqueline (Justin) Leath of Cody, and Fay I. Ranking of Sacramento, Calif. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ten Sleep Methodist Church with Fr. Donald H. Krebs of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church officiation. Burial will follow at Ten Sleep Cemetery.

Phyllis & Scotty Moses
50th Wedding Anniversary

