

**BERTHA MUNSELL**  
(1875-1935)

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The account taken herein is from the writings of the posterity of Bertha Munsell, her daughter Irene and her grand-daughter Helen Sutherland from The History of Washakie County, by its people, publ. 1976

Bertha Conover Munsell was born in New Jersey November 1875 (as given by 1900 Fed. census. In the 1880 census she was living with her parents William and [Sarah] Annie Conover in Belleville, Essex, New Jersey. She married Boyd Munsell in 1894 and the couple had four children—two died in infancy. The survivors were Vernon and [Mabel] Irene Munsell; the other two were Chester and Elsie. Their children were born in Red Cloud NE and in 1900 (census) they were living in Garfield, Webster Co NE. They moved to Wyoming in 1914 by way of train. Bertha and Irene were taken from the train station in Manderson, WY and brought to Mark Warner's in Ten Sleep by Sam Brant, a freighter of the day. Mark's wife was Boyd Munsell's sister. From there they made life comfortable by Bertha's many skills as a housewife, a cook, a seamstress and a gardener. Boyd homesteaded here and there in the Ten Sleep valley, raised hogs and timothy hay and built several houses around the area. He finally bought land from Walter Fiscus along the Victoria Ditch bank and across the street from the Ten Sleep cemetery. According to her grand-daughter, Bertha passed away in 1935.

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## Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Munsell Friday

Funeral services were held at Ten Sleep last Friday afternoon for Mrs. Bertha Munsell, 61, who passed away in Ten Sleep last Thursday, October 10th.

Rev. John Frank Smith conducted the services. Mrs. C. H. Harkins and Mrs. R. E. MacLeod furnished vocal numbers.

Mrs. Munsell was laid to rest in the Ten Sleep Cemetery. Pall bearers were: Lee Mills, W. S. Fiscus, Clyde Elbert, John Hawka, and A. Jacobs.

Mrs. Munsell was formerly Miss Bertha Conover and was born in Harmony, New Jersey on November 2, 1874. She lived in New Jersey during her girlhood days and there became a member of the Methodist Church.

On May 29th, 1894 she was married to Boyd Munsell at Red Cloud, Nebraska and came to Ten Sleep, Wyoming in 1914 where she has lived since that time. There were two boys and two girls born to Mr. and Mrs. Munsell, one girl and one boy passing away in infancy. The two living are Mrs. Irene Sutherland and Vernon Munsell both of whom live in Ten Sleep; there are five grandchildren, one brother and one sister.

The sister Mrs. Sarah Person of Red Cloud, Nebraska has been with the Munsell for the past four months during which time Mrs. Munsell has been practically bed fast suffering from diabetes and complications. Her brother Hervy Conover has visited Ten Sleep several times during the past year and visited his sister only three weeks ago but was unable to come for the funeral services.

Mrs. Munsell was known and loved by many in the community in which she lived.