

**IONA (M) PEARL**  
1880-1950

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Iona Pearl was born in Missouri in February 1880 as per the 1900 U.S. Federal Census. She met Bill Pearl in Missouri and they were married there in 1897. Their first and only child shown alternately as Robert Charles Pearl and Charles R Pearl (in different census records) was born in 1898. It appears the family lived in Grant, DeKalb, MO until they left Missouri and moved to Wyoming after the birth of their youngest grandchild, C J Pearl, in 1934. They found a place in Ten Sleep, Washakie County, WY and through the beneficence of some town officials, Iona was hired to run the telephone office (in the days of two shorts and one long ring, etc.) with a switchboard. It is believed she did this until most residents had telephone service. She passed away in 1950.

*Memories:* Always neatly garbed in her cotton housedress and flounced with an apron, Iona took care of the town's 'out-of-town' contacts and Bill took the messages that people were wanted at the telephone office for an unexpected call. She made a call for me when I was eleven years old to Dr. Harmon of Worland to care for Fae V Moses, my mother. Iona was always courteous and prompt. Fb

## Mrs. Iona Pearl Called by Death

Mrs. Iona T. Pearl, 70, wife of William Pearl, Ten Sleep, died at the Washakie Memorial hospital Wednesday evening following an illness of 27 months.

Mrs. Pearl was born Feb. 16, 1880, at Fairport, Mo., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tucker.

She married William Pearl on Oct. 18, 1896, at Maysville, Mo., and came to Ten Sleep with her husband 16 years ago.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Ten Sleep Methodist church with the Rev. Edward White officiating. Burial will be in the Ten Sleep cemetery, under the direction of the Veile mortuary of Worland.

Beside her widower, she is survived by her father, R. W. Tucker, 94, of Missouri; one son, Charles Pearl, Montana, and one adopted daughter, Alice Laur of Los Angeles; one brother, Harry Tucker, Santa Rose, Mo., and two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Boyd, Ten Sleep, and Mrs. Callie Dunham, Jameson, Mo. One brother preceded her in death. Six grandchildren and five great grandchildren also survive.

husband who live at Minneapolis, are the parents of a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Evart Peoples, Keith and Madalyn drove to Lake lodge Sunday where they picked up Mrs. Peoples mother, Mrs. Effie Bennion, who is working there, driving on to West Thumb, where they visited Mrs. Eddie Niles.

Several families from Grass Creek joined the Dick Holders Sunday at their cabin site on Woodriver for a picnic. They were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Welty and children, Barney Eggars and the Edgar Williams, the latter couple doing some work at their cabin site.

Mrs. John Wiedrick and Inez Wentworth drove to Manderson Monday, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Clark, Mrs. Wiedricks daughter and husband, returning in the late afternoon.

### RETURN FROM TRIP

THERMOPOLIS — Mr. and Mrs. Max Mortimore returned home Tuesday after having gone to Indiana where they got their son, Clark Mortimore. Clark is attending the Culver Military Academy at Culver, Ind.