

Elizabeth Pederson, Obituary, Northern Wyoming Daily News, Worland, Wyoming, May 30, 2007, page 2. (Picture)

WORLAND -- Worland resident Elizabeth Pedersen, 86, passed away Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at the Worland Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Elizabeth was born Sep. 12, 1920 in Tremonton, Utah to William W. and Venice (Major) Hakalo. The family moved to Salt Lake City, Utah shortly after Elizabeth was born. It was here that she attended school until the third grade. The family then moved to Price, Utah where she finished her schooling and graduated from the junior college in 1943.

She remembered helping her mother get food ready for "callers" passing through on the D&RG railroad line during the depression. "We felt compassion for the men who had to travel around the country looking for work and begging, we never turned anyone away."

She went on to attend the Henager Business College in Salt Lake City. She went to work for a Salt Lake City architect and under his tutelage became a draftsman. She then took a job with General Electric in Los Angeles where she would take dimensions from people by mail and do layouts for them with all the latest GE appliance and GE metal cabinets. Elizabeth did return to Utah where she worked for Texaco as a geological draftsman for 18 years.

She married Chet Pedersen in 1970. They lived in Casper until they relocated to Ten Sleep in 1975 to a home that she designed. They moved to Worland in 1996 to be close to Chet's son.

Elizabeth enjoyed sewing, painting, quilting, flowers, reading, rock collecting, and feeding and playing with grandchildren. In her early years, she was active in church, teaching and producing road shows. She led a life of service, not only with her own family, but always helping others in need. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and of the Utah Daughters of the Pioneers. She was a live member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Elizabeth was also a past member of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and one grandson.

She is survived by her husband, Chet of Worland, sons Ken (Diane) Pedersen of Arvada, Colo., Dick (Roxanna) Pedersen of Worland; daughters Betty (Harry) Mills of Ten Sleep, Sue (Lynn) Eggert of Fruit Heights, Utah; sister Billie LaVon Hakalo of Salt Lake City, Utah; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 2, 2007 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ten Sleep with Bishop Jacob Zent officiating. Burial will follow at the Ten Sleep Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the services. Memorials may be made to the Donor's Choice.