

## Elsa Clara Smith

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HYATTVILLE — Elsa Clara Smith, 91, of Hyattville, died Monday, April 22, in Bethesda Care Center of Worland.

She was born Nov. 22, 1899, on the Lower Nowood River near Hyattville. She lived on the Nowood homestead until she was old enough to attend school and the family then moved into Hyattville.

On Dec. 1, 1917, she married John J. Smith in Basin.

Following her marriage, the couple lived at Bonanza until February 1927, when they bought a ranch at Hyattville. They ranched there until 1938, when he became a brand inspector for the Wyoming Stockgrowers Association.

They lived in Idaho Falls where she became the first woman brand inspector in the United States.

The couple moved to Lander in 1957, and she worked for the Wyoming State Training School until her retirement. The couple then moved back to Hyattville.

Mrs. Smith enjoyed fishing, gardening, riding her horse and going to church.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth, of Porterville, Calif. and Russell, of Casper; one daughter, Mrs. Dean (Velma) Doyle of Hyattville; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1974; and one brother, Keith.

The casket will be open at the church in Ten Sleep from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday. The service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ten Sleep; with Bishop John L. Folsom officiating. Burial will be in Ten Sleep Cemetery.

Veile Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Bethesda Care Center fence fund project in care of Mary Helgeson, 505 Howell Ave., Worland 82401.