

ALTHA ROSE (ARNOLD) CALTON

(December 19, 1912 – June 3, 2010)



Altha Rose Arnold, a daughter of Bert Alva Arnold and Mabel Jacobs Arnold, was born in Ten Sleep, Wyoming and attended school there along with her two brothers and two sisters.

On August 17, 1929, Altha married Clay Calton, a Missouri native who had traveled to Wyoming in search of adventure. The couple had three sons, Calvin Arnold Calton, William Bert Calton, and Elmer David Calton (who died as an infant) all born in Ten Sleep.

She also washed and ironed clothes of sheep herders and others to help provide the family with extra income. Living as a newly married couple through the Depression of the 1930s, she was able to teach her sons frugality and proper money management. She and her husband were able to build the log house where they lived in Ten Sleep following these principles.

In 1950, they moved to Worland, where Altha worked as a checker at the Safeway grocery store and her husband opened a barber shop. They enjoyed playing cards and traveling taking several trips to visit family members living in Missouri. After Clay's passing in 1978, Altha also worked at Sawyer's, Cracker Barrel and Cream of the Valley stores. She continued to enjoy playing cards daily at the Senior Center nearly every day. Altha was devoted to the Christian Science religion after an experience with a practitioner regarding her husband's frail health.

Altha is remembered as a good cook with her grandchildren recalling many meals in her mobile trailer home especially the homemade cinnamon rolls and chokecherry jelly. She also knit many beautiful afghans that are still treasured keepsakes of her posterity. She was an industrious, thrifty, fun-loving, humorous and self-sufficient person.

Altha's cremains were scattered in the Big Horn Mountains.

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