



Edna R. Baird

August 2, 1915 - November 14, 2011

Edna R. Baird, 96, died Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, at Thermopolis Rehabilitation and Care Center, where she had been a resident since 2007.

Born Aug. 2, 1915, in Basin, she was the daughter of Robert and Jeannie (Anderson) Rankine. She graduated from Thermopolis High School. Following school, she worked on her family's ranch until her marriage to Thomas Atwood Baird on Jan. 21, 1939, in Thermopolis. The couple owned and operated a Padlock Ranch holding on lower Cottonwood Creek until 1973. They then ranched on the Gooseberry Creek Ranch.

Following Tom's death in 1997, Edna returned to Cottonwood. In 2000, she moved to Thermopolis. She later was a resident of the Wyoming Pioneer Home for four years before moving to TRCC.

For more than 50 years, Edna was a member of the Gooseberry Club. She could cook up about anything and make it taste good. She enjoyed gardening, canning, growing flowers and could patch anything.

Survivors include four sons, Robert (Norine) Baird of Hot Springs, S.D., and Allan (Niki), John (Virginia) and Ray (Roxanne) Baird, all of Thermopolis; sister, Jean Gilbreath of Worland; 14 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and three great, great-grandchildren.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years; grandson, Shane Baird; brother, John Rankine; and sister, Mae Leiper.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18 at the First Baptist Church in Thermopolis with Pastor Harvey Seidel officiating. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

Mortimore Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Hot Springs County Educational Endowment Fund, 415 Springview, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

