



# Irene Sherman Barney

**September 8, 1918 - August 23, 2011**

Irene Sherman Barney, 92, died Aug. 23, 2011, at Morning Star Manor in Fort Washakie. Lela Irene Moore was born Sept. 8, 1918, in Miles City Mont., to Fred J. Moore and Lela Edith Geist Moore. The Moores later divorced, and when her mother married Frank Whipple Sherman, Irene became his daughter. She grew up in Thermopolis.

Irene graduated second in the Hot Springs County High School Class of 1936. She attended Hastings College in Nebraska, where she played violin in the Hastings Symphony.

She married Chester E. Millard in Cheyenne in 1946. They were later divorced. In 1957, she married Richard L. Barney. They lived first in Billings, then in 1959, they made Riverton their permanent home.

Irene worked first as a secretary in the offices of Ingle and Ingle in Thermopolis, then in state government and law offices in Cheyenne, Billings and Riverton.

As a member, then Guardian of Bethel 14 of Job's Daughters, she was the youngest person to hold that position. She served on the Wyoming Grand Guardian Council of the Order from 1941 to 1946. When residing in Billings, she was a member of Moss Agate Chapter No. 126, Order of the Eastern Star. She was president of the Billings Chapter of Women of the Moose.

An aviation enthusiast, she took flying lessons from her pilot father and accompanied him on flights about Wyoming until World War II curtailed private flying. Talent as a writer brought her awards and prizes.

In Riverton, she assisted in editing the newsletter of the Full Gospel Businessman. Strong in faith and active in church groups since her youth, Irene was especially on the wavelength of young people, and she and her husband enjoyed them very much.

She is survived by sisters Frances S. Weatherly and Mary (William) Sherman Davis; a nephew and niece; grandnephews and grandniece; and several cousins.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard; and a niece, Shannon Weatherly.

