

Lee Ola Ingle

December 15, 1915 - October 18, 2011

Lee Ola Ingle, 95, died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011 at Thermopolis Rehabilitation and Care Center.

She was born Dec. 15, 1915, in Bowling Green, Ky., to Oliver P. and Eugenia Schultz Roemer. She lived in Bowling Green with her two sisters and one brother until she graduated from Bowling Green High School.

Lee Ola's dad died as a young man of complications with abdominal surgery. Later, Eugenia met and married a college professor from the University of Colorado (UC) and the family went west to Boulder. Lee Ola received her degree in chemistry from the University of Colorado in 1936.

She met Chester B. Ingle on the UC campus, where Chester had received his law degree in 1933. On Lee Ola's graduation day, June 15, 1936, she and Chester married in Boulder. The couple then moved to Thermopolis, where Chester joined his father. The business became the Ingle and Ingle law firm.

Lee Ola had two children. While raising her children, she taught school on a part-time basis, and educated mentally and physically disabled children while traveling throughout Hot Springs and Washakie counties. She also taught arts and crafts to elementary school children during the summers. In 1960, she became the head of the Hot Springs County Welfare Department until her retirement in 1985. She was an active member of the Community Federated Church, Girl and Boy Scouts of America, and the Ladies Bridge Club.

She enjoyed family camping trips, hiking on beautiful mountain trails, parlor games with family after dinner and car trips to Red Lodge and Cooke City, Mont. Lee Ola and Chester frequented Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks on long weekends.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Charles R. Ingle (dentist) of Beaufort, S.C.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a daughter, Sylvia.

Funeral services were held graveside Saturday, Oct. 29 at Monument Hill Cemetery with Pastor Chuck Cooper officiating. A Celebration of Life reception followed the service at Stones Throw Restaurant.

