

# Katherine Sylvia Livingston

**December 31, 1939 - May 22, 2011**

Katherine Sylvia Livingston, 71, of Vail, Ariz., died Sunday, May 22, 2011.

Sylvia was born Dec. 31, 1939. She grew up in Thermopolis.

Studying geology at the University of Nebraska, she graduated in the top 3 percent of her class and was chosen as a member of the Omieron Chapter of Pi Lambda Theta.

Sylvia raised her daughter, SuzAnn Haney, in Jackson. Continuing her education, she attained her Ph.D. at the University of Wyoming, earning the John P. Ellbogen grant as an Outstanding Graduate Assistant for teaching, and a grant for dissertation research by Sigma Xi, a scientific honorary. She achieved tenure at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, and ended her teaching career at the University of Arizona. Sylvia was devoted to her students and derived great satisfaction as a teacher.

She enjoyed riding her horses as a child. Her favorite saying was "Well behaved women rarely make history." Her passions included competing in car races in her red Firebird convertible, reading books and traveling the world, taking a lost civilizations cruise the last week of her life. Silvia survived many health challenges throughout her life and rose above them with tremendous grace.

Survivors include her daughter of Colorado; one grandson; brother Charles; and mother Lee Ola Ingle of Thermopolis.

Cremation has taken place and private services were held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society.

