

# Thelma Alberta Showalter

**September 22, 1910 - February 6, 2012**

Thelma Alberta Showalter, 101, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, at South Central Wyoming Health Care in Rawlins.

Born Sept. 22, 1910 in Judith Gap, Mont., she was one of five children born to Mae (Adams) and William Burgess.

At the age of 12, Thelma moved to Billings, Mont., where, as a foster daughter, she lived with Dr. John and Mrs. Jenny Bridenbaugh. She was later adopted by the family. Following high school, she attended Morning Side College, graduating in 1935.

On May 12, 1935, Thelma married Richard Showalter in Lincoln, Neb. Three children were born to this union. In 1939, the Showalters started a commercial photography business known as Showalter Studio in Worland. He retired in 1988. They moved to Thermopolis in the early 2000s. In 2006, they moved to the Health Care Center in Rawlins.



Thelma loved family gatherings, her church family and the family cabin in the Beartooths at East Rosebud Lake, Mont.

Survivors include a son, Robert Burgess (Marilyn) Showalter of Rawlins; daughters, Joan Francis (Keith) Pasley and Sharon Jean (Henry) Bennett, both of Thermopolis; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great, great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband (2008) of 72 years; three brothers; and two grandchildren.

Mortimore Funeral assisted with arrangements. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.