

Patricia Ann Smith

Jan. 1, 1937 - May 4, 2011

Patricia Ann Smith, 74, died Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at her daughter's home in Gillette after a short but vigilant battle with cancer, with her daughter and pastor at her side.

Pat was born Jan. 1, 1937, to Roy Earnest and Martha Louise (Saner) Simons in Kinsman, Kan. She grew up and attended schools in Kansas and throughout Wyoming, including Upton and Midwest. She graduated from Midwest High School in 1955. She then moved to Cody and worked as an operator for the phone company. It was there she met and married William Fred (Ted) Smith. They made their home in California. They had one child, a daughter. They later divorced and after Ted's death, Pat returned home to Wyoming to raise her daughter near family.

She worked for Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Environmental Services and later, for several years, at the Canyon Hills Manor as a personal care aide. Upon retirement, Pat became a Foster Grandparent through NOWCAP for the Thermopolis school district. She enjoyed her time in the classroom and loved "all her kids."

Pat was a devout Christian and attended her church, First Assembly of God, regularly. She had many friends in her church family and enjoyed their fellowship. Pat's other interests included spending time with her family, reading, listening to Christian music, crafts and caring for her beloved cat, Topper.

She is survived by her daughter, Heather (Marty) Lackey of Gillette; one granddaughter; one great-granddaughter; two great-grandsons; brother, Larry (Betty) Simons of Glenrock and sisters, Linda (Ronnie) Kear of Perryton, Texas, and Christine Irwin of Douglas; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Richard and Fred; and brother-in-law, Ray Irwin.

Services were held Tuesday, May 10 at First Assembly of God Church in Thermopolis. Pastor Carolyn Thomas officiated. Burial followed at Monument Hill Cemetery. Viewing took place Monday, May 9.

Memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society in Pat's name.

Mortimore Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

