



Margaret V. Vontz

February 23, 1915 - July 9, 2011

Long-time Worland resident Margaret V. Vontz, 96, died on Saturday, July 9, 2011, at Worland Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center.

Margaret was born on Feb. 23, 1915, in Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada, to German immigrants Wilhelm and Caroline Emma (Shellebaugh) Stark. The family came to the United States when she was 6 months old, moving to Sanish, N.D., where she was raised and educated. The family moved to Plaza, N.D., after Sanish was flooded to construct a dam.

Margaret moved to Billings, Mont., when she turned 18 years old. She met Lester J. Vontz and they were married in Billings on June 15, 1935. To this union three children were born. The couple then moved to Worland in 1946 and Margaret became a stay-at-home mom.

She helped her husband in his job. Margaret was a Foster Grandparent at South Side Elementary School.

Margaret's hobbies included working in her yard, growing a flower garden, birds and enjoying her grandchildren. In later years, she enjoyed going for rides, seeing the llamas north of town and shopping. Margaret was the head of five generations.

She is survived by her daughter, "Tudy" (Bud) Weaver of Thermopolis; son, Raymond Vontz of Brownstown, Mich.; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Charlene Vontz of Powell; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Richard "Dick" Vontz; a half-sister; and two grandchildren.

At her request, no services are planned. Cremation has taken place and her ashes will be interred at a later date at Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Worland.

Veile Mortuary was entrusted with the arrangements.