



Alberta Montz

September 8, 1929 - April 19, 2006

TORRINGTON, WYO..... Funeral services for ALBERTA MONTZ, 76, will be held at 10:00am on Monday, April 24, 2006 at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church with the All Saints Episcopal priest, The Rev. Mary Jellison officiating. The casket will be closed. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Alberta died on April 19, 2006 at the Torrington Community Hospital. Those who wish may direct memorial contributions in Alberta's memory to All Saints Episcopal Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com Alberta was born on September 8, 1929 in Sioux County, Nebraska the daughter of John and Mabel (Folden) Lashley. She grew up and received her education; graduating from Liberty High School near Morrill, Nebraska in 1947. She immediately started her teaching career in Sioux County rural schools in western Nebraska. She married Robert L. Montz on November 20, 1949 at Morrill, Nebraska. Alberta went on to continue her education at Chadron State College and received her Bachelor of Science in education followed by her Masters in education. In 1965 the couple moved to Torrington, Wyoming where Alberta taught History, Sociology, and Psychology at Torrington High School. During her teaching career, she guided many student teachers who were attending the University of Wyoming. Alberta also served on the North American Accreditation Committee. In 1975, she and Bob moved to their ranch north of Torrington. Alberta retired from teaching in 1986. When her husband Bob died, she

moved to her current address on East 20th Avenue. In 1996, Alberta was elected the first woman commissioner for Goshen County where she served for two terms. She retired in January of 2005. She was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Torrington; a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Morrill, Nebraska; and she was a member of the Goshen County Cattle Women's Association. Alberta was an avid reader and she loved ranching. She is survived by her daughter, Penny Wells and her husband T.L. of Scottsdale, Arizona; a granddaughter, Kimberley Haseman and her husband Scott of Fayetteville, Arkansas; great granddaughter, Katelynn Haseman of Fayetteville; a brother Howard Lashley of Mitchell, Nebraska; and four sisters, Alta Lewis of Mitchell, Nebraska; Betty Hoagland and her husband Wayne of Bayard, Nebraska; Vera Wilson and her husband Barney of Oraville, Washington; and Patricia Rhoades of Lafayette, California. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Melvin, Ralph, and Delbert; and one sister Ellen.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Penny
I fondly remember both your Mother and Father when working with them in the school system some 40 years ago. They both were very pleasant people. My sympathy goes to you and your family on your loss. I can't imagine not having my Mother.
Jan Hartwig

Janet Watt Hartwig - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *We will miss Alberta. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Mary Burke and family - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *As a student of Mrs. Montz's years ago, I had such a great respect for her as a teacher. While I was in college taking an education, our assignment was to write to a teacher we had who influenced our lives. Your Mom was the first person I thought of. She was a great teacher and a great role model as an educator. I am sorry for your loss of a family member and our loss of such a great person in the community.*

Betsy (Novak) Kilgore - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Penny,
1. So sad to read that your Mom has passed away. Alberta is a special part of my memories of both Henry and Torrington education.

I've seen her about once a year for the last 8-10 years - often at the Scottsbluff airport.

I know she has had a positive affect on many students as a teacher and many constituents as a Commissioner. She will be missed. I will miss her.

Renee Anderson

Renee - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I was very sorry to read that Mrs. Montz had passed, she was a wonderful woman that I had the extreme fortune of knowing while I attended Torrington High so many years ago.

My deepest simpathy to all of you who knew and loved her.

Lillian Juarez Millin - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I can't tell you the influence Mrs Montz had on me in my life. I am just glad I got the chance to tell her before she passed.

Go Blazers!

Mary(Black)Augustin - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I remember Alberta telling me that she loved reading more than TV. It made such an impression upon me that I read all of the Harry Potter books this winter and some others too! I also remember the warm relationship that she shared with Elaine Hill and I am happy that they will be waiting together for me in Heaven.
Celeste and Cal Dahl

Cal and Celeste Dahl - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM