



## Barbara Wallenburn

April 19, 1918 - July 12, 2006

TORRINGTON, WYO... Funeral services for BARBARA H. WALLENBURN, 88, will be held at 2:00pm on Monday, July 17, 2006 at the United Methodist Church at Wheatland, Wyoming with Robert Gurney officiating. Burial will follow in the Wheatland Cemetery. Barbara died on July 12, 2006 at the Beverly Health Care Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Visitation hours will be held on Sunday from 1pm to 5pm at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel in Torrington. Those who wish may direct memorial contributions in Barbara's memory to the 'Floyd Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund' at Southeast High School. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com) Barbara was born on April 19, 1918 in Melrose, Massachusetts the only child of Dean and Josephine (Twombly) Henderson. She grew up and received her early education at Melrose. In 1930 the family moved to Reading, Massachusetts for three years and then in 1933 they moved to Groveland, Massachusetts where Barbara graduated from high school in 1935. She went on to attend two years of college and then moved to the Washington, D.C. area where she accepted a job with Social Security; later transferring to the Navy Department in D.C. She then met Robert Wallenburn on D-Day, and the couple married on October 14, 1945 at Groveland, Massachusetts. They moved to Slater, Wyoming near the Chugwater area and Barbara supported her husband's farming activities for several years. She then served as deputy treasurer for Platte County in 1955; and officially ran for office in 1958; serving

a four year term as the Platte County Treasurer. When her husband retired, the couple lived at Wheatland in the 90's and in 2005 moved to Torrington, Wyoming and lived at Evergreen Court. Barbara had only recently moved to Beverly Health Care Center. She enjoyed playing cards, especially Bridge, and she liked to travel. Barbara loved her family. She was a member of the Chugwater Women's Methodist Organization. She is survived by her daughter Martha Gurney and her husband Robert of Torrington, Wyoming; a son Beauford Thompson and his wife Starley of Slater, Wyoming; six grandsons, Rob Gurney, Rusty Gurney, and David Gurney all of Torrington; Rick Gurney of Yuba, California, Jason Gurney of Seattle, Washington, and Richard Thompson of Albany, New York; three granddaughters, Leslie Perez of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, Alisa Tafoya of La Cruces, New Mexico, and Danae Grigsby of Baltimore, Maryland; 17 great grandchildren, Robbie, Andrea, and Laurie Gurney of Torrington; Justin and Jeremy Gurney of Yuba, California, and Araya Gurney of Seattle, Washington; Joey Villauferte, Samantha Gingles, Daniel and Cesar Perez all of Scottsbluff; Robert, Rio, Regan, and Reno Tafoya all of La Cruces, New Mexico; and Zoe, Henry, and Lydia Thompson of Albany, New York. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We regret not being able to be present to pay our last respects. Bobby will always be remembered in our hearts for her loving, kindness, and generosity.

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**Richard Thompson and family** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ A. Bobby liked iced coffee. I just couldn't understand the concept of that as a youngster. She was always ready to entertain, and when she and U. Robert took you sight-seeing, they always went the back roads (sacheting is what she called it). U. Robert said he was crossing the street when they announced the end of the war and he grabbed her to hug her and "haven't been able to get loose since". She was a great cook and wonderful Aunt. I shall miss her and the not frequent enough, but long, phone calls. She's with U. Robert where she belongs. I love you A. Bobby!

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July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ She was such a wonderful person. We enjoyed visiting with her and Robert very much. She was a great hostess. We had many delightful telephone conversations with her during the last few years. We will miss her very much.

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**Harry & Mary Ann Wallenburn** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm sorry we cannot attend the services. I will always remember how fun it was to play cards and Scrabble with Aunt Bobby--but only when the grownups would let me.*

*I'm very sorry for your loss.*

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**Jerrica Smith** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM