



Celesta Allen

June 12, 2009

TORRINGTON, WY.....Funeral services for CELESTA MATTICE ALLEN, 107, will be held on Friday, June 19, 2009 at 2pm at the United Methodist Church with Pastor Jane Zulauf officiating. Viewing will be at the church. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery following the service. Celesta died on June 12, 2009 at North field Villa Medical Center in Gering, Nebraska. Memorials can be made to the United Methodist Church 2702 Main Street Torrington, WY 82240. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com. She was born on March 3, 1902 to James and Ina(Ackerman) Samson in Albion, Nebraska. Her family moved to Torrington, Wyoming between 1902-1910 where she lived on the homestead ranch that her parents bought together. She married James H. Baird on December 25th 1919. The couple moved to Guernsey, WY where she followed and supported her husband's railroad career until his retirement in the 1960's. James passed away in 1975. She moved to Torrington where she married for the second time at 88, to Edward Allen at the Methodist church in Torrington. Edward and Celesta moved to North field in 2001, where they lived out their happy 19 years of marriage until his death in 2007. For her 100 birthday, Celesta was given the key to the city of Gering, Nebraska in 2002. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, cards, and played bingo every night at North field. She made jewelry as a pastime hobbie as well. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Torrington and the Royal Neighbors of 75 years. Survivors include

her three sons, Herschel Baird of Scotts Bluff, NE, Lloyd Baird and Donald Baird both of California, brother Leslie Samson of Idaho Falls, ID, five stepchildren, and many, many great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and great-great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her two husbands, James Baird and Edward Allen, brothers, Clifford and Charles Samson, and a sister Mettie Wolf.