



## Clara Yorges-Brown

May 5, 1913 - December 31, 2009

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Funeral services for CLARA PAULINE YORGES BROWN 96, will be held at 2pm Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Ora Dailey officiating. Burial will be Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at the Hudson Cemetery in Hudson, Wyoming. Clara was called to her heavenly home on December 31, 2009 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland, Wyoming. A memorial has been established to the VFW Post 4471, P.O. Box 423, Guernsey, Wyoming, 82214 or a charity of the donor's choice. The casket will be open briefly following the service for viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com). Clara and her twin brother, Clarence, were born May 5, 1913 in Eustis, Nebraska to Henry John and Christine Louise (Moritz) Yorges. The family including older brother Kenneth, moved to the family homestead west of Yoder, Wyoming in 1918. Sis, as she was fondly called by most who knew her, graduated from Yoder High School in 1932 and then taught for a short time a various country schools west of Yoder. On August 13, 1936 she married Cleo Leon (Babe) Brown and they resided west of Yoder for several years. In March 1945, the Browns adopted daughter Connie and in April that same year moved to the Brown family homestead west of Hawk Springs, Wyoming. One year later, the Browns welcomed a son, Danny, and the following year were blessed with a second son, Rex. Labor Day 1959, they sold the homestead and moved to a ranch near Hudson, Wyoming where

Clara lived until September 11, 2001 when she moved to Guernsey, Wyoming. Her entire life, Sis loved playing music and playing basketball. Many times she told the story of how, as a young girl, she would climb the ladder on the old windmill and sit on the working platform where she taught herself to play the guitar. She also taught herself to play the piano. She, and husband Babe, played for dances for many years. They played all over southeastern Wyoming from Woods Landing to Lusk to Hubbard's Cupboard and Terrytown, Nebraska. Clara played basketball during her school years and played on a lady's town team until she was in her 40's. On most winter evenings you could find Sis in front of her television cheering for her favorite basketball teams, the Denver Nuggets, the Dallas Mavericks, and the Phoenix Suns. She would also watch to see who would beat the Lakers. Even up until the last two days of her life, she watched her favorite players on each of her teams. Family always knew that if they tried to call her and one of "her teams" was playing, she wouldn't answer the phone, or if she did she probably wouldn't say very much. Clara's passion, however, was her family. She loved her kids, grandkids, great grandkids, brothers, her in-laws, nieces, nephews, and her extended families in Hudson and Guernsey. The visits from friends and family were important to her and she loved every minute spent with loved ones. She remarked many times how blessed she was. She and Babe never thought they would have any children and then she lived long enough to enjoy great grandchildren. Clara is survived by her daughter, Connie (Buck) Patterson of Guernsey, Wyoming; sons, Danny (Arlene) Brown of Riverton, Wyoming and Rex Brown of Newcastle, Wyoming; ten grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Cleo; her parents, Henry and Christine Yorges; and two brothers, Kenneth and her twin brother Clarence.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The music talent I have come from my Aunt Sis and from my Grandma Yorges. When I was a junior & senior in high school I often played piano in their dance band. She played the piano at my wedding.*

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**Clara Lou Smith** - December 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and memories are with you cuz's. We always had so much fun as kids growing up. And many more to come even tho we are far apart.*

*God Bless All of you.*

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**Marvin & Myra Lively** - December 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I did not know Clara, but all my days in the Yoder Community, I can remember the adults talking about "Sis Yorges" years after she was married. I knew Kenneth and Clarence and knew Clarence and Clara were twins. I also knew their father, Henry John Yorges, and rode the bus to school in Yoder with many of the family members in my generation until we moved into the Veteran District where I graduated from high school. I grant sympathy to the entire family.*

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**Garold W. And Theresa L. Newton** - December 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Connie, Dan and Rex and the whole Yorges family, my prayers and sympathy to you all. I have remembered more than once the festive times we all had with you all when you lived in Hawk Springs, especially during Thanksgiving. Our family also visited Clara a few times while she and you were living in Hudson. I know she had a part in Aunt Tina's life while Tina was there as well. Clara will be missed by us.

*The Lord be with you all as He promised.*

*"To be absent from the body is to be at home with the Lord" 2Cor. 5:8*

*Kieth and Barbara Moritz8*

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**Kieth R. Moritz** - December 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM