



Frances Marie Dodson

October 15, 1927 - October 3, 2021

FRANCES M. DODSON

Frances Marie (Overman) Dodson was born on October 15, 1927, in Parnell, Mo. She died on October 3, 2021, in Torrington, Wyo., surrounded by her loving family.

The first of five children born to Harvey and Goldie (Force) Overman, she moved with her family to Wyoming at a young age, making the trip from Missouri in the rumble seat (with her sisters) of a Falcon Knight, and camping out along the way. Her parents first worked on the Mill Iron Bar 6 Ranch owned by Hogan O'Shea, north of Lance Creek. Frances fondly remembered one of the first tasks they worked on at the ranch was building 100 miles of fence while she and her siblings tagged along. The family later homesteaded north of Lance Creek.

While working at the Ranger Hotel in Lusk, Frances met Garlon W. Dodson and they were married on July 30, 1945, in Amarillo, Tex. They lived in many places before settling down in Torrington, Wyo., in 1956, where they raised four children.

Frances loved to camp and fish with her family. She had an amazing green thumb and for years had an impressive garden. She enjoyed cooking for

family and friends, and taking care of people. She was a great Mom, grandma, aunt and friend and was known to all as loving and kind. She will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, G. W. Dodson, as well as her son Larry Dodson; her parents, Goldie and Harvey Overman; sisters Vergie Overman, Norma Seifert, and Jo Adkins and one brother, Harvey Overman; two stepchildren, a niece and a nephew. She is survived by her daughter, Kay Schlichting (Don), of Grand Junction, Colo.; her son Greg of Torrington; her son Dale (Diane) of Laramie; a treasured niece, Mollie Duncan, who helped care for Frances over the last several years; eleven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren, as well as extended family and many friends.

A service is planned for next summer in Torrington so that all the family may attend. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude's Children's Hospital (www.stjude.org/donate) or BoysTown (www.boystown.org/give) would be appreciated by the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of Frances Marie Dodson*



Carol Peterson - October 11, 2021 at 07:10 PM



“ *Prayers for the family.*



Bev Yeik - October 08, 2021 at 09:02 PM



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“ *Grandma Frances was an exceptional woman. She welcomed her stepson and his family into her home. She was always kind to us. She was thoughtful, remembering us at holidays. I remember waking up at her house to the smell of bacon, an excellent cook too. I ate moose, elk, loved her chow chow from her canning, not California cuisine. Knowing she was there helped me through some tough times in life. She was a constant in a world of variables. She made a mark on my life and I will truly miss her.*



Terri Dodson - October 07, 2021 at 01:54 PM

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“ *I'm sorry for your family's loss and the difficult time you've had in not being able to visit with her. I'll always remember Frances and her mother Goldie Overman. Lots of years of swing them at the pharmacies I worked at!*

Jancy Walter - October 05, 2021 at 11:12 PM