



Irene Wiand

January 17, 1915 - May 10, 2008

LAGRANGE, WYOMING.....Funeral services for IRENE WIAND, 93, will be held at 1pm May 17, 2008 at the Frontier School of the Bible with Pastor Don Mathis officiating. Burial will follow in the LaGrange Cemetery. Irene died at the Cheyenne Health Care Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming May 10, 2008. Memorials may be made to the War Memorial Building, c/o Sue Watson, LaGrange, Wyoming 82221. Visitation will be Friday from 3 to 7pm at the Colyer Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Irene was born January 17, 1915 in Cheyenne, Wyoming the daughter of Frank and Carrie (Stone) Jones. She grew up in LaGrange graduating from LaGrange High School in 1932. She married Harry Wiand on January 24, 1942 in Kimball, Nebraska. She attended Northern Colorado College in Greeley, Colorado and then the University of Wyoming where she graduated with a Degree in Elementary Education. She taught in many rural schools before teaching in Hawk Springs, Wyoming where she taught until the school closed. Irene finished her teaching career at Corlett Elementary school in Cheyenne where she retired in 1980.

Irene was a lifetime member and the longest living member of the LaGrange Homemaker's Club. She liked to do needlework, cook, garden, and sew. She loved spending time with her family.

Irene is survived by a daughter Marsha Lund and her husband Jim of Woodinville, Washington; two granddaughters, Shay McBride and her husband

Michael of Seattle, Washington, and Shelli Mers of Dallas, Texas; a grandson Michael Mers and his wife Lori of Boise, Idaho; a great grandson Bryce Mers of Boise; two great granddaughters, Stacia Mers of Boise, and London McBride of Seattle; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded

in death by her parents; her husband; three brothers, Ora, Ralph, and Burt; two sisters, Ethel Kessler and Hazel Green.

Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept our sympathy in the loss of Irene. Our hearts go out to you.

Thank you for making the service such a warm and loving tribute to Irene's legacy. She was a talented, strong, and good-hearted lady, one who will long be remembered and missed. Everything about the service complemented Irene's personality and interests. We felt uplifted to share in that time with all of her friends and family.

A special act of kindness stands out in my mind. After our own high school was closed, when many of us LaGrange teachers were transferred to teach in Torrington, we were assigned to classrooms with no windows. Irene very generously sent a variety of large houseplants to freshen our rooms. One of those plants, named Oscar, is still thriving and oxygenating the atmosphere of a classroom, lending Irene's teacher-ly presence even in her absence. (I must add that Harry seemed especially eager to help load those plants into my car that day. He was such a dear-heart, too.)

Hugs and prayers from Curtis & Cheryl

Curtis & Cheryl Grandstaff - May 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Irene was a giving and generous woman. She had a warm and friendly smile and personality.

She was a truly gifted teacher, but the impact that she had on her students went far beyond teaching them the three "r's". I remember in addition to learning and retaining so much from her, that she treated us like people and not just her students. I look back at that now and really appreciate the time she spent as well as the care, respect and her dedication.

I take pride in the fact that I can "expertly" count change back. She spent what seemed at the time, countless hours teaching us how to do it. I mistakenly presumed that everyone can do this.

I also remember the letters that she had us write to the Wyoming State Museum before we visited. I was so proud that I was corresponding with the state government. She had a wonderful way of making what we did (even something so simple as writing a letter) so special. It was important to her and she transferred that feeling to us.

I will be forever grateful for all that I learned from Irene, and will am grateful for the friendship later in life.

She has left a legacy of learning that will not be forgotten. My sincere sympathy to her family for this immense loss.

Pamela Baker - May 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM