



## Lila Craton

February 12, 1915 - November 10, 2011

Lila D. Craton, 96, died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, at the Goshen Care Center and cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at the Berean Bible Church in Torrington with Pastor John Wilhelm officiating. A memorial has been established to the Frontier School of the Bible. 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). Lila was born Feb. 12, 1915, in Rock Rapids, Iowa the daughter of Louis and Pearl (Bayless) Arnold. The family moved to Hawk Springs, Wyo. by train in 1919 where they homesteaded. Lila grew up and attended school in Hawk Springs graduating there in 1931. She finished one year of normal training at the school in Hawk Springs in 1932. Lila taught for one year at the Demsie Thomas School southwest of Hawk Springs. She married Lloyd Craton May 8, 1933 in Gering. They farmed east of LaGrange, Wyo. until 1937 when they owned and operated L and L Grocery in LaGrange for eleven years. They moved to the farm east of LaGrange in 1948. Lila also drove school bus for over fourteen years. Lloyd died in 1971. Lila stayed on the farm until 1976 when she moved into LaGrange. She cooked at the Frontier School of the Bible for six years. In 1978 she moved to Torrington, Wyoming. Lila volunteer cooked at the Frontier School of the Bible, played the piano, loved flowers, played Scrabble with many friends especially Isabel Blunsom, played Bridge and card games, did puzzles, loved being with people and cooking, and enjoyed hunting rattlesnakes. Survivors include her sons, Howard Craton and

his wife Ellenor of Torrington, Wyo. and Robert Craton and his wife Linda of Upland, Ind.; daughter, Loretta Davis and her husband Art of Torrington; brother, Louis Arnold Jr. and his wife Betty of Hawk Springs, Wyo.; sister, Ruby Ochsner and her husband George of Torrington; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Preceding Lila in death were her parents; husband; brother, LeRoy Arnold; and grandchildren, Deborah Eisaman and Steven Craton.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family,  
*Lila was one of the sweetest dearest ladies I have ever known. She was always willing to share her knowledge and her heart. Her love for her family was obvious in her wonderful stories and in her surroundings. I wish I could have gotten to know her better and learn more family history from her extraordinary memory. Time goes by all too quickly. I hope her family albums will be in safe keeping. God bless all of you.*

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**Marianne Brandt** - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to the family. I pray that you find comfort in knowing that even though we may lose a loved one in death, God will bring to life all those found in his memory. (Job 14:15 John 5:28,29 Acts 24:15)

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**Ty** - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lila was a very dear, gracious lady whom I admired very much. I remember spending many a night with Loretta and always enjoyed being in their home. She will be missed, but we know that we will see her again.

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**Janis Gregory Marshall** - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Lila was such a lovely lady. I always enjoyed being around her. She certainly has a wonderful family and I know you celebrate the years you were able to be with her. We KNOW where she is! Praise God for a life well lived.*

*Jo Butler (formerly with Colyer Funeral Home)*

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**Jo Butler** - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM