



Ruby Simon

August 28, 1913 - July 24, 2012

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial for RUBY C. SIMON, 98, will be celebrated at 10am Monday, July 30, 2012 at St. Rose Catholic Church with The Reverend Father Kevin Koch officiating. Burial will be in the Lusk Cemetery in Lusk, Wyoming at 2pm. Ruby died July 24, 2012 in Longview, Texas. Memorials may be made to the Torrington Senior Center. Visitation will be Sunday from 3pm to 6pm at the funeral home and a Rosary will take place at the church at 7pm. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com. Ruby was born August 26, 1913 in Burwell, Nebraska the daughter of Charles and Anna (Deafenbaugh) Gaukel. The family moved by covered wagon to Wyoming when she was one year old. They homesteaded in the Jireh community. She attended school in Jireh and worked various jobs through her teen years. In 1933 she married Melvin A. Nelson. They resided in Lance Creek where Melvin was employed in Carbon Black. In 1938 when that plant closed they moved to a farm near Keeline, Wyoming where they ranched and farmed until Melvin died in 1965. In 1968 she married Floyd Simon, a rancher south of Lusk, Wyoming. In 1975 they moved to Torrington, Wyoming where Floyd died in 1983. Ruby continued to live in Torrington until the fall of 2010. Ruby was very active at the Senior Friendship Center, helping sew bonnets, rummage sales, and other things. She was also active at St. Rose Catholic Church. When Ruby was raising her children, she was active in the Keeline 5280 Club, a 4-H leader, and at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Lusk for many

years. She enjoyed needlework, reading and gardening. She was a good cook and made great pies. Ruby is survived by two daughters Yvonne Higgins of Longview, Texas, and Myrna Baker of Seal Beach, California; a son Derryl Nelson and his wife Janelle of Sweetwater, Texas; a sister Anna Nelson and her husband Linden of Torrington, Wyoming; ten grandchildren; twenty-two great grandchildren; ten great-great grandchildren; a step-daughter LaVern (Floyd) Stancher of Seattle, Washington; a step-son Russell (Millie) of Dacona, Colorado; six step-grandchildren; and ten step-great grandchildren. In addition to her husbands she was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers; three sisters, two sons-in-law; and one grandson. The family wishes to acknowledge Patricia Ray of Longview, Texas, her caretaker her last days.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *I am the daughter of Willa McIntosh. Ruby and Willa were long time friends. My Condolences.*

Margie Roe - July 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *So sorry to hear about Ruby's passing....you are in my thoughts today.*

Ruby was our neighbor on Park Ave for many years. My husband and I were just married and it was our first home, first neighbor, first garden.... We have many fond memories of her, she was the best neighbor you could ask for.....always sharing her cherries from her cherry tree, of course you had to pick them first....then she showed me how to use a cherry pitter....and of course prize winning grapes.....what ever grapes were on our side of the fence were ours and we loved them.....she taught me how to make grape jelly! And my first cherry pie!

She was a wonderful lady she always had a smile on her face.

Kris Walrath Brooks - July 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Aunt Ruby's passing. She was always such a feisty little woman. I don't think I ever saw her any way but at full speed. We are thanking God that she has been taken to a wonderful painfree place. We have made a donation to the American Cancer Society in her name. Our love and condolences, Monte and Pat*

Monte and Pat Nelson - July 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ So sorry to lose my Grandmother. I know in my heart she is in a better place, along with my Dad. Lindi, Lauren, and Lacey give their thoughts and prayers. I will never forget her famous scroodles!! May she rest in peace.

Dennis Higgins - July 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ We were so sorry to hear of Ruby passing, but, we know that she is at peace in God's loving arms. She is now praying for us. Ruby was a dear friend to us and we will always hold a special place in our hearts for her. Our condolences to the family.

Nattie and Bob Otero - July 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM