

Obituary

Wanda Francene Taylor, 91



Wanda Francene Birch Taylor, 91, of St. Anthony died May 5, 2011 at the Homestead in Rexburg with all of her children at her side.

She was born June 14, 1919 in St. Anthony, Idaho; the daughter of Charles Francis and Theo Rosenlof Birch. She lived most of her life in St. Anthony. They moved to Long Beach when she was in 6th grade. She loved Long Beach and was sad to move back to Idaho only one year later. Where she lived until her senior year when she attended West High in Salt Lake City.

On Oct 26, 1937 she married her sweetheart James E Taylor in the Salt Lake Temple. They built and raised their family in a home in St. Anthony where they lived until he passed away in 2003. She continued to live there until she moved into the Homestead in Rexburg in 2009.

Wanda lived a busy active life, raising 5 children, and always active in church and community affairs. She was especially gifted in homemaking arts, she served as Ward and Stake Homemaking leader for many years. She was President of Women's Club and active in Soroptimist, and DUP.

She enjoyed working for Blocks in St. Anthony for many years. She retired from working for the Forest Service and visitor center in St. Anthony at age 86.

She was a beautiful seamstress, sewing wedding gowns for many young brides; and cheerleader costumes for South Fremont High. Her daughters were especially blessed by her gift of sewing.

She was preceded in death by her Parents, her sister Margaret Ahlander and her husband.

She is survived by daughters Francine (Val) Dietrich of Rexburg, Nanette (Mike) Neuberger of Salt Lake, Camille (Erik, deceased) Engberson of Rexburg, Id; sons, Jeff (Brenda) Taylor of Idaho Falls and Rod Taylor of St. Anthony; and 16 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday the 9th of May at the St. Anthony Stake Center, 247 East 4th North, with Bishop Del Ray Davenport officiating at 11:00am with a viewing being held one hour prior. Burial will be in the Wilford Cemetery. Services are under the direction of grandson, Troy Dietrich, with Hawker Funeral Home

The family would like to especially thank the Angels at the Homestead in Rexburg for their loving care of our mother and the care given by Aspen Home Health & Hospice.