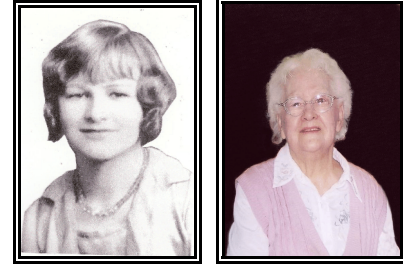


Obituary

Pauline Owens Wixom, 97



Pauline Owens Wixom was born on August 25, 1911, at Malad, Idaho, and passed away March 3, 2009, at Blackfoot, Idaho.

She was the seventh of eight children born to Edward Thomas and Ellen Eliza Peabody Owens. Her father died when she was four years old. When she was eight years old, her mother married Carl G. Ohlen, of Blackfoot, and she lived the remainder of her life in the Blackfoot area. When Pauline was fourteen, her stepfather died at Christmas time and her mother died the following spring, leaving Pauline, her twelve year old sister Blanch, and an older brother John at the family home. Pauline earned money by tending children, cleaning, cooking and washing clothes. She graduated from Blackfoot High School, the only one of her family to do so.

She married Alvin L. Wixom on November 26, 1933. Their marriage was later solemnized at the Idaho Falls Temple on September 17, 1975. Alvin farmed in the Blackfoot area purchasing a farm at Groveland in 1944 where they resided the remainder of his life. Alvin died on January 4, 1983. Pauline worked at American Potato for fifteen years before retiring.

She was an avid reader and stressed the value of education to her children. She enjoyed handiwork, quilting and gardening. She raised strawberries and raspberries to supplement their income. Her life was one of hard work. Pauline was a member of the LDS Church and served in Primary and Relief Society callings.

Pauline is survived by four children: Marylyn Louise (Bill) Roskelley of Riverton, UT, Susan L. (Jay) Pearson of Moore, Idaho, Jerry L. (Ruth) Wixom of Idaho Falls, Idaho and Ted A. Wixom of Denver, Colorado. Pauline is also survived by sixteen grandchildren, forty-eight great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two half sisters, four brothers, three sisters and her husband.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave. The family will meet with friends and relatives for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Interment will be in the Groveland Cemetery.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to your favorite charity.