

IN MEMORIAM

AUDREY JOANN MAYCOCK 1916-2009

Audrey Maycock loosed her bonds, and left her earthly cares behind on May 4, 2009. From her daughter's home in Phoenix, Arizona, she went to accept her reward for her charitable deeds and Christian life spent on earth.

Audrey Joann Maycock was born December 3, 1916 in Fenn, Idaho, to Manning Murl and Bethel Rowe Johnston. When she was six weeks old, she and her mother traveled to Gillette, Wyoming, by train, to meet her father who had homesteaded a dry land farm, six miles from Savageton, Wyoming. It took two days by wagon to get from Gillette to the home.

She grew up on the farm, hoeing corn and walking or riding to country school from first grade through her sophomore year. In her junior and senior years, she worked for her room and board at the Sam Dickey home in Gillette, while she attended Campbell County High School. She graduated in 1934 as President of her class.

Following high school, she entered nursing school at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, in Hot Springs, South Dakota. She graduated in 1937 and returned to Gillette to work for Dr. McHenry at his hospital, then for Viola Saylor at the Gillette Hospital.

In 1940, Audrey married William Pearson Maycock and moved to his ranch west of Gillette. To this union were born, Pamela Rae, William Pearson Jr., and twins Mitchel Manning and Michael Anthony.

Audrey spent many years involved in all aspects of ranching; riding, feeding cattle (by pack horse the winter of '48-'49), calving, vaccinating calves at branding and caring for bum calves. Every year she planted a garden and flowers, and some years (fighting off drought, hail and grasshoppers) she succeeded in having a crop. She was always there with her children participating in country school programs, 4-H and years of rodeoing. She took great joy in including her nephew, Frank Neal, in

her family every summer. Every fall, she cooked for a parade of deer and antelope hunters. Many of these people became life-long friends.

She and her husband, Bill, were active participants in the Long Range Club. They were also members of the Wyoming Archeology Society, attending many "digs." She served as President of the Gillette Chapter for many years. She was regularly invited to speak on Native Americans at Gillette grade schools, and maintained an interest in the history of the Native People throughout her life. Audrey was active in CowBelles, and spent one winter updating all the brands for the napkins.

In the fall of 1958, she and her family started living in Gillette during the school year. During that time, she worked at the office of Dr. Jerry Hannum and Dr. Joe Hoadley. She also worked in surgery, part time, at the hospital. She became a skilled bowler and belonged to doubles and singles leagues.

After the twins graduated from high school in 1966, the family moved back to the ranch, but that fall Audrey commuted back to Gillette, filling in as grade school nurse.

In 1976, she was elected to the hospital board and served three years while the new hospital was being built.

She and Bill, spent the winters of 1983-'85 in St. George, Utah. Always one to stay busy, she took lessons in weaving. Later she traveled to Sheridan for lessons in Navajo weaving. One of her great delights was weaving rugs, saddle blankets and wall hangings for her children and grandchildren.

After her husband passed away in 1987, Audrey stayed on at the ranch helping in any capacity she could, and as always, was "the cook."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, her son Michael, her son-in-law Darrell Coulter and a nephew, Craig Johnston.

She is survived by her daughter, Pamela, of Phoenix, AZ., sons, William P. "Billy" (Christina),

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and Mitchel (Dixie), both of Gillette. She is also survived by her sisters, Marjorie Gull of Denver, Co., and Phyllis McQuay (Warren) of Livingston, MT, brother, Richard Johnston (Shirley) of Grantsville, UT, twelve grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in Gillette, Wyoming the summer of 2009. Memorials can be sent to: The Wyoming Archeology Society; The Gillette Rockpile Museum or the Campbell County Memorial Hospital, Oncology Department.