

## Ruth Inez Groesbeck Iversen, 88

Sept. 21, 1908 - Sept. 21, 1996

**CHEYENNE, WY** - Ruth Inez Groesbeck Iversen was born in Harlan, Sept. 21, 1908, and died in the Everett Washington Rehabilitation Center on her 88th birthday, Sept. 21, 1996, following a second heart attack. She was born at the family home at 9th and Main, the fifth child of Allen C. and Lydia Thomas Groesbeck. She grew to young womanhood at a family home on West Broadway. She attended Old Park School, Central and graduated from Harlan High School with the class of 1926, prepared to teach rural schools. She taught four years in Shelby County Schools, one year at a rural school near Earling and three years at Cuppy's Grove School.

June 1, 1930, in Greeley, CO, she married Harold L. Iversen of Cheyenne, WY, the son of Carl and Amelia Iversen of Elk Horn. The couple made their home in Cheyenne where he was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad. He died Feb. 11, 1995. She lived in Cheyenne for 66 years, leaving last July to live near children in the Seattle, WA area. Because of a life-long interest in young people, she took a position in food service as a cashier in the cafeteria at McCormick Junior High School in Cheyenne and retired from Laramie County School District 1. Always active in her community and church, Ruth served for several years as a Girl Scout leader, in the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Frontier Dinner Club, Senior Bowling League, Jackalope Camping Group, Retired Railroaders and Union Pacific Oldtimers' Auxiliary. They were active in St. Paul's Lutheran Church where she was a member of Hannah Circle. During their long marriage, they were frequent visitors to Shelby County.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers and four sisters. She is survived by one son, Harold Iversen, Jr. of Camano Island, WA; three daughters, Rosemary Herrell of Federal Way, WA; Ramona McNeil of Bothell, WA and Gretchen Bolinger of Alliance, NE; a sister, Gloria Gene Groesbeck Snow of Sun City, AZ; 13 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and her cousins, Virginia Hulsebus and Leland Sunderland of Harlan and brother-in-law, Chris Iversen of Elk Horn.

Memorial services were held Sept. 22, 1996, at the Wayside Lutheran Church in Federal Way, WA. Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, WY, Sept. 25 with burial at the Cheyenne Memorial Gardens.