

Maxine Lebeck, 71

July 26, 1932 - Feb. 13, 2004

WALNUT – Maxine Rose Lebeck, daughter of Henry and Rose Ryan Gill, was born July 26, 1932, in Rock Springs, WY. She attended South Emory High School in Ferron, UT, and graduated in 1950. After graduating from high school, she worked in Salt Lake City, UT, at Puritan Baking Company.

Maxine married Byron Lebeck Oct. 9, 1954, in Clawson, UT. After their marriage and when Byron was discharged from the United States Army, they moved and made their home in Walnut, where Byron was engaged in farming. They were the parents of five children, Rodney, Cheryl, Karen, Jean and Lisa. She was a homemaker and a stay at home mom while her children were growing up. Later in her life she was employed at the Best Western in Walnut and then at the Villager Restaurant for 18 years. Maxine was involved in many activities outside of the home including card clubs, social club, pinochle couple club, the Walnut Historical Society, and a 4-H leader for many years. In October, Maxine and Byron would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. She died Feb. 13, 2004, at the Cass County Hospital at age 71 years, six months and 18 days.

Her parents preceded Maxine in death. Survivors include her husband, Byron of Walnut; her children, Rodney Lebeck (Lorraine) of Walnut; daughters, Cheryl Lebeck of Walnut; Karen (George) Threadgill of Milan, TN; Jean (John) Romano of Omaha, NE; Lisa Lebeck of Walnut; 10 grandchildren, Adam Lebeck, Amanda Lebeck, Brandon Ratashak, Chip Threadgill, Nicole Threadgill, Sam Threadgill, Jennifer Romano, Justin Romano, Jayme Romano and Grace Lebeck; a half sister, Dora Bateman of Evanston, WY; a half brother, Jim Gill of Lyman, WY; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 16, 2004, at the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut, with Rev. David O'Rourke and Pastor Orris Drake officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Adam Lebeck, Jayme Romano, Norman Christensen, Sam Threadgill, Ed Lippincott, Grace Lebeck, Alden Krueger, Chip Threadgill, Amanda Lebeck, Nicole Threadgill, Donnie Bauerkemper, Brandon Ratashak, Justin Romano, Marvin Schroder and Jennifer Romano. Casket bearers were Louie Troll, Darrell Krohn, Eugene "Jack" Clayton, John Oehlertz, Perry Kelley and Clifford Smith. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.