

OPAL MORISON

Opal Morison of Longmont, died March 3, 2000, at a local care center.

She was born July 11, 1919 in Ringgold, Nebraska, to Samuel F. James and Pearl Ethel (CURE) James.

Mrs. Morison moved to Haxtun, CO at a young age and graduated from Haxtun High School in 1938. She then moved to Sterling, CO where she cleaned house for a short time before going to work at Dick's Cafe. While working at the cafe she first met Earl Gage Morison, who asked her on a date, courted, and later proposed and married her on Easter Sunday April 9, 1939 in Sterling.

The Morisons moved to Lakewood where Mr. Morison took employment. Mrs. Morison and her husband built their own home in Lakewood, which they were quite proud of. In 1955, the family moved to the quiet countryside of south Longmont to an 80 acre dairy farm, where they farmed for the next 20 years. In 1975 she and her husband moved to Sterling to be near his parents. They returned to Longmont in 1978.

She took great pride in her home, enjoying her time in the garden, constantly cooking, and preparing food for her family. She thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas holiday and she along with her husband annually entertained the entire family, even as the size of the family outgrew their home.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where she was very active through the years as a Sunday school teacher and a member of a number of Christian Women's groups through the church. She was a devoted reader of her Bible on a daily basis.

She was also a member of the Daughter's of the American Revolution. She and her husband gave graciously through the years to the Longmont United Hospital, including most recently to the Hope Cancer Care wing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and a grandson Randall Gage Morison, and four brothers: Glenn James, Chester James, Lloyd James, and Irvin James.

She is survived by five sons: James Morison and his wife, Linda, of Orem, Utah, Richard Morison and his wife, Theresa, of Longmont, Robert Morison of Westminster, Michael Morison and his wife, Esther, of Longmont, and David Morison, of Longmont; and three daughters, Carole VanSteelandt and her husband, Ernie, and Sharon Rogers and her former husband, Bernie, all of Longmont, and Patricia Neel and her husband, Jim, of Colorado Springs.

Also surviving are 20 grandchildren: Terri Smith and her husband, Keith, Brenda Pahlke and her husband, Randy, Scott VanSteelandt, Chad Rogers, Jason Rogers, Amy Jones and her husband, Jacob, Valerie Grant and her husband John, Ryan Morison, Kathryn Morison, Jacob Morison, Jennifer Gutierrez and her husband, Chad, Jonathan Morison, Carrie Morison, Michael Morison and his wife, Angela, Laura Morison, Christine Morison, Paul Morison, Angela Blythe and her husband, Joshua, Melanie Neel, Christopher Neel; 15 great grandchildren, a sister Goldie Marcum of Snowflake, AZ, and a sister-in-law, Lula Mae James, of Longmont, numerous nieces and nephews and devoted friend Gladys Eckman, of California.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 7, at the Hower Mortuary Chapel, with Reverend Granville Smyth officiating. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, c/o Howe Mortuary. Visitation hours will be Monday, March 6, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.