



Ruth McGrew

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Ruth Marie Anderson McGrew, 88, of Wellington, formerly of Walden, died at home on Monday, Sept. 15, 2008. She was born Aug. 12, 1920 in LaPorte, to John and Johannah Rudolph Anderson, the third of four children and only daughter. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Robert, Glen and Johnny; and her husband, Kenneth McGrew. Ruth graduated from Jackson County High School in 1938. She married Kenneth Coleman McGrew on July 6, 1941 in Walden. They were married for more than 66 years. In 1951, Ruth began delivering Town Talk bread to businesses around Walden, which she continued to do until 1964. She worked in the Jackson County Clerk's office for twelve years beginning in the late 60s. In 1978 she was elected to the office of Jackson County Clerk, a position she held for two terms. Ruth, an excellent cook and seamstress, was an active volunteer with the Jackson County 4-H club, teaching many young people to sew over a period of many years. She was honored in a state-wide event in 2002 as a 4-H Centennial Visionary and role model for her leadership, devotion and compassion for youth. Ruth loved to entertain friends and family. She won many blue ribbons over the years at the Jackson County Fair for her breads, jellies and lemon meringue pie. After retirement in 1987, Ruth and Ken spent winters in Harlingen, Texas where they made many dear friends. Ruth moved with her husband, Kenneth to Wellington in 2003, after living in Walden in the same home for 56 years. She had been a North Park resident from the time she was three years old, leaving the Park only for a short time when Kenneth

was in the military and a short period of residency in Cheyenne. She served as President of the North Park Pioneer Association. She is survived by her sons, Stan and wife Susan of Wellington, and Dan and wife Jeannie of Fort Collins; and many grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Those who desire may view Mrs. McGrew from 12 to 4 p.m. Thursday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, Fort Collins. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. on Friday, in Walden at the Jackson County Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made in her name to the North Park Pioneer Museum in Walden through Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins, CO 80524. Friends may send condolences to the family at bohlenderfuneralchapel.com.