



Jo Rita Mathews

July 17, 1932 – June 26, 2013

Jo Rita Mathews, 80, longtime Lemoyne resident, died Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at her daughter's

home in Loveland, Colo.

Jo Rita was born July 17, 1932 in Lewellen, Nebr., the daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Copley) Skinner. She received her early education in Lewellen and graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1950.

She was united in marriage to Jerry D. Mathews in September 1950. The couple resided in Ogallala. They then lived in several communities in Florida and Mississippi.



Jo Rita moved to Scottsbluff in 1972 and she also lived in North Platte before moving to Lemoyne.

Jo Rita was employed as a receptionist at the North Platte Telegraph and later at the Keith County Assessor's office. She also was a custom seamstress in her mother's shop, Bach Enterprises in Crystal River, Florida.

Her hobbies included spending time with family and friends, designing and sewing costumes for skits and pageants, trapping and hunting with her dad, and fishing. Jo Rita especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Besides in-home child care, teaching children's Sunday School, assisting with Girl Scout meetings, and being the secretary for the local Garden Club, she always had room in her heart for the family pets. She was a member and an Intercessor for Martin Bay Community Church.

Preceding her in death was her husband Jerry D. Mathews, and cousins Richard Carey and Duane Carey.

Survivors include her children: Hal D. Mathews and his wife Venus of Keystone and Joy R. and her husband Gary York of Loveland, Colo. Also cousins: Monte and Doreen Samuelson of Pittsburg, Kan., Carl and Sharon Hein and Betty Carey, all of Centerville, Iowa, Barbara Carey of Moab, Utah, and Lee and Johnnie Skinner of Rapid City, So.Dak.

At the request of the family, there will be no visitation. The funeral service will be Monday, July 1, 2013, at 10 a.m. in Martin Bay Community Church with Rev. Bill Forbes officiating. A memorial has been established to the Cal Farley Boys Ranch, PO Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174-0001.

Online Condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.