



## Mrs. Kathryn Henry Sheets

August 18, 1917 - April 9, 2012

Kathryn Anna Henry Sheets passed away on April 9, 2012 in Orem, Utah. She was born August 18, 1917 in Harrison, Nebraska, the daughter of John Peter and Elnora O'Connell Henry. Kathryn spent most of her youth on a prairie ranch north of Harrison where, for the first eight years of schooling, she attended in a one-room schoolhouse heated by a coal stove. She graduated from Sioux County High School in Harrison in 1935.

She met her future husband, Emil Sheets, during World War II while he was serving in the Air Force and stationed at the Casper Air Base. They were married on May 16, 1945 at Hays, Kansas, where he was stationed at the time. They had been married for 57 years before Emil preceded her in death in 2002. She was a life long member of the Catholic Church. She and her husband were very active members of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Casper.

During her early-married years she was employed at the Casper Air Base as a "Rosie the Riveter." She, along with thousands of other women across the country, thoroughly enjoyed this work in support of the war effort. She also worked in Casper at the Home Appliance Company, Myers Plumbing, and the Henning Hotel. She primarily worked as a bookkeeper and auditor for these companies. She also enjoyed the many contacts and friendships she made as a cosmetic consultant for Vanda Beauty Products. She and her husband also owned and operated an apartment complex in Casper for 42 years.

When she and Emil were first married they lived in West Virginia and then in Chicago while her husband attended a refrigeration and air conditioning school. During their remaining years together they lived in Casper. After their retirement in 1981, they traveled extensively throughout all 50 states, Canada and Mexico. They spent many winter months in California, Florida, Texas, West Virginia and Arizona. The last 4 ½ years she has been in Utah to be closer to her sister, Elizabeth Henry Powelson, who passed away 2 ½ months ago. She is survived by her nephew, Douglas H. Powelson and her niece, Colleen P. Thorstenson, who both live in Utah.

A close family service was held in Utah and she will be buried at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Casper.

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## **Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery**

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