

On June 26, 1928, Amy Schnauber was born to Fay and John Schnauber, in Rock Springs Memorial Hospital. Amy spent her childhood living in the homes of her grandfather, Otto Schnauber, and her parents' home. On warm summer nights, Amy recalls, being able to hear the lonesome howling of the coyotes around her grandfather's isolated dwelling. Amy's childhood is filled with memories of Rock Springs, some bad, but most are good.

When Amy was fourteen, her parents divorced. Her mother moved to California, leaving Amy, the eldest of three children, to take care of the home and family. In order to work as a cashier in Rock Springs, Amy rose at 5 A.M. every morning. She would then complete all her house cleaning chores before going to work at 8:30. However, young Miss Schnauber's life was not devoid of social events. Church sponsored dances, wedding parties, and cultural openhouse celebrations highlighted Amy's social life.

Rock Springs' only junior high was attended without much incident from 1940-1942. High school held something or someone in store for young Amy. In her freshman year, Amy met her future husband, Antone F. Pivik. The young couple dated off and on for six years before marrying on June 12, 1949 at the Congregational Church in Rock Springs. Prior to her marriage, Amy graduated from high school and went off to Doane College in Crete, Nebraska. She

attended Doane College for one year from 1947-1948. Amy then went on to the University of Wyoming for one semester. Returning to Rock Springs, Amy secured a secretarial position at the Gunn-Quelay Coal Company in 1949.

Nine months after her marriage, Amy Pivik quit working to raise a family. Her first child, Jeanne, was born on April 21, 1950. She was followed by Paul Pivik, who appeared on September 23, 1952. Mrs. Pivik did not return to the work force until around 1964, when her children were in junior high and high school. At this time, she obtained a position at the Sweetwater County Welfare Department for two years. After working there for the required two years, Mrs. Pivik worked at the State Health Department. She left her occupation at the State Health Department and substituted for several secretaries in different offices in the town of Rock Springs.

Around 1972, a casual conversation about the housing problem soon to beset Rock Springs, resulted in a dramatic change in Amy Pivik's life. Her husband, Antone, mentioned that Rock Springs needed a trailer court, to a Mr. Chris Bunning. Chris owned some property off highway 430. Mr. Pivik advised Chris Bunning that he should place a trailer court there. Chris replied that he had no time and asked Tony Pivik to develop his land for him. A handshake sealed the deal and Amy and Tony Pivik set out to do their darnedest to make a go of Canyon Court Trailer Court. As an unstoppable team, Amy and Antone succeeded in making Canyon Court a pleasant place to live.

The Spirit of Wyoming is exemplified in this gutsy lady who has a zest for life and a willingness to work which is becoming all too rare in this country. She illustrates a love of this land of Wyoming much as the cowboys in the 1800's did. If I would have to identify a modern day heroine of the West, Mrs. Amy Pivik would definitely be in the top ten.

Jennifer Elizabeth Shears

NAME: Amy Pivik (Schnauber)

PRESENT ADDRESS: 2204 Westview

1. Present profession or occupation:
 Manager of Canyon Court, Trailer Court
2. Occupations followed in the past (give dates):
 Secretary 1949 Gurn-Quelay Coal Co. Continued ^{don} _{back}
3. Date of birth: June 26, 1928 Place of birth: Rock Springs [→]
 memorial Hospital
4. Date of moving to Wyoming:
 - native
5. Full name of parents (give mother's maiden name)
 Fay Barber
 John Schnauber
6. Names of brothers and sisters (and to whom married):
 John Schnauber Beth
 Elva Martin
7. Schools attended (give dates): Yellowstone Grade School 1934-1940
 R5 Junior High 1940-1942 Doane College, Crete, Ne.
 R5 High 1942-1946 U.W. 1/2 yr. ~~1944-1945~~ 1947-1948
8. Places of residence in Wyoming (give dates):
 Rock Springs
9. Military service (dates, awards, area served, rank, etc.):

10. Political offices held (give dates):

11. Political affiliation: Republican
12. Religious affiliation: Congregational
13. Marriage (spouse's name, date and place of marriage):
 Antone F. Pivik June 12, 1949 Rock Springs Congreg.
 Church
14. Children (names, dates of birth, grandchildren, etc.):
 Jeanne - April 21, 1950 - Baker; Brandy & Eddie Baker
 Paul - September 23, 1952 Grandchildren
15. List of clubs and societies of which you are a member:

2) c. 1964-1966 Secretary - Sweetwater County
Welfare Department

c. 1966 - Girl Friday - State Health
Department