

Biography  
of  
Zelda Campbell  
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Many people are fortunate to be able to see the stages of Wyoming evolve from the basics to the more elaborate, such as a horse and carriage to a Cadillac.

Zelda Rodabaugh was born in Wheatland Wyoming in 1920. Her parents were Tracey and Rae Rodabaugh. She had one brother and two sisters.

Zelda went to school in Wheatland Wyoming. Her transportation consisted of her horse and her parents taking her to school in the wagon. In the winter time she had to put goose fat on her face and arms to keep her from freezing. She went to an old country school, where everybody sat in one room.

She never remembered playing any games when she was young, she would get out with the horses because that was her entertainment. When she turned ten or twelve years old dating came into the scene.

Zelda never had a christmas tree until she was in the fourth grade. Her mother didn't like them. At christmas time her family would decorate the front room with strands of popcorn and cranberries.

The only gifts she would get for christmas and her birthday, were the ones her mother made her. Zelda's mother made her a broom and a rag doll. She also had a set of dishes that were metal and a perculator (coffee pot) that her sister gave to her.

Zelda went to her first movie in the first grade. Her neighbor took her to see " Old Iron Side," it was on the silent screen. Her other entertainment was when the surrounding community would have dances on Saturday nights. She danced the Waltz, Two-Step, Foxtrot, and Square Dancing. She was raised on country music and still loves it today.

Zelda married Edward Campbell in 1937 and became Zelda Campbell. Together they had three children, Larry Campbell and Elena Hewitt of Rawlins, Wyoming, and Leland Campbell of California. Zelda has seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

During the Depression she remembered that there was a drought. The ranchers would take their cows out and shoot them, that's how her family and many others had meat. They had to fry the meat and can it because there was no way of saving the meat. She had food stamps during the depression, which would allow her to buy sugar, lard, flour, and sometimes meat.

In 1960 Zelda got her first job at the hospital in Rawlins. She worked there for thirteen years. In 1968 she got to be a supervisor. She also worked as a waitress at Gay Johnson's and The Golden Spike. She went to school in Larmie, Wyoming to learn special diets, then she went back to the hospital as a supervisor and a cook.

Zelda has lived a good life. She has had lots of heart aches and she's had lots of fun. She's lost her mother, father, brother, and her two sisters, and most of all her husband. Zelda had her husband had a good marriage. She has lived seventy-one years and is living for some more memeros times with her remaining family.