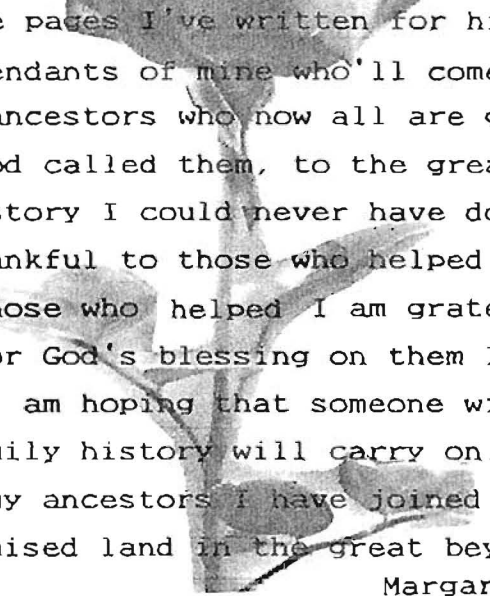


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MARGARET ANNA "PEG" COOMES COLE

The following poem was taken from Peg's genealogy books and written by her.



These pages I've written for history,
For descendants of mine who'll come after me.
Of ancestors who now all are gone.
Where God called them, to the great beyond.
This history I could never have done alone.
I am thankful to those who helped me along.
To all those who helped I am grateful today.
And for God's blessing on them I pray.
Now I am hoping that someone with our
family history will carry on. . .
When my ancestors I have joined in that
promised land in the great beyond.
Margaret "Peg" Cole

This poem was read at "Peg's funeral by her grandson Tim Cole.

OBITUARY

Taken from the Liberty County Times

Chester, Montana

Wednesday, August 12, 1987

MARGARET COLE

Margaret Anna "Peg" Coomes was born on May 17, 1905 at St. Louis, MO. Her parents were Lilly Clements and James F. Coomes, and she was one of two children. Her father died when she was an infant. Her mother later married a gentleman named Wolff and they came to his homestead south of Gildford in 1915. Peg attended the Kansas Valley Country School near the farm and transferred to St. Vincent's Academy in Helena. She graduated from Havre High School in 1925.

On March 1st of that same year she married Edward M. Cole in Havre. They lived at Fort Assiniboine for over a year, then moved to the farm south of Gildford, where they lived and worked for the next ten years. In 1936 they bought a farm northwest of Chester. They farmed and ranched there until their retirement in 1977, and have continued to live in their home on the farm since then. Peg's health began to fail about 8 months ago. Following a week's stay in the Liberty County Hospital, she died on Saturday evening August 1st. She was 82 years old.

Peg had been very active at St. Mary's Church; she had held offices in the Altar Society and taught C.C.D. for 30+ years. She was a charter member of the Liberty County CowBelles and the Utopia Homemakers Club. She had also been active in the Chester Garden Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Hi-Line CattleWomen's Club. In 1985 she received a "Merit Mother of the Year" award through the extension service.

Peg had many hobbies. Her mind and her hands were never idle. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, and crocheting. She was a proud homemaker and kept her house spotless. She loved cooking and entertaining, and meals at her house were always plentiful and delicious! In those earlier days she enjoyed riding horses and herding cattle. She had also done some bowling and fishing. Although not an excellent pianist, she enjoyed it and took piano lessons as an adult. Peg loved the work around the farm and always looked forward to getting out into the vegetable and flower gardens in the spring. Every fall she and Ed would take a trip somewhere, and she always enjoyed those little side-trips along the way so she could learn about a special person, place, or thing. Peg, was her grandkids' biggest fan, and she was always there with two or more cameras taking photographs of special 4-H, church, and sporting events. She liked to play cards, especially pinochle and "Spite" and her favorite board games were Scrabble and Chinese Checkers. She enjoyed writing, be it short stories, poems, or family histories. She was very interested in genealogy and had done some extensive research in compiling a detailed booklet of

her family ancestry for her grandchildren. Peg was always a very generous, caring person when it came to sending cards, gifts, and other tokens of friendship. Her 62-year marriage and love for her family is what made life exciting and meaningful to her.

Peg's survivors include her husband, Ed of Chester, a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Agnes of Chester; five grandchildren, Kathy Kulbeck of Escondito, CA., Mary Fritz of Chester, William "Pete" Cole of Chester, Tim Cole of Soda Spring, ID., and Colleen Boucher of Aurora, CO.; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, by her sister (Frances Slocum), by two daughter (Mary Agnes and Rosemary), and by a great-granddaughter (Amy Fritz).

Rosary prayers were held at 8 p.m., on Monday, August 3rd, at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated by Father John Coady at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Vocalists included Jack and Patsy Seidlitz, Anna Cutler and Tim Cole, and accompanists were Helen Ann Aaberg and Muriel Huol. Musical tributes included "How Great Thou Art" by Anna; "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" by Ann and Tim; "Panis Angelicus" by Jack; and "May the Angels Take You Into Paradise" by Patsy and Jack. Peg's four great-granddaughters sang "Amazing Grace," accompanied by their Aunt Colleen.

Friends serving as pallbearers were Leonard Fritz, John Skierka, Eldon Graff, Charles Hull, Raymond Fritz, and Fred Sitch. Ushers were special friends Rosalie Sunderland and Margaret Meissner. Altar servers were Ed Cole, David Hull, and Robert Pulst. Grandsons, Peter and Tim Cole, served as lecturers. Following burial in the Chester Cemetery, a memorial luncheon was held at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

Peg Cole was a member of the Broken Mountains Genealogical Society in Chester, Montana.

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