

## *In Our Hearts Forever...*

Marian Viola (Barber Cotton) Lower, 88, of Sheridan, Wyoming, died 31 August 2021 at the Billings Clinic in Billings, Montana, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Sheridan, Wyoming, on 20 August 1933 to Richard D. Barber and Lillian V. Kittle. Marian married Chester Duane Cotton on 31 October 1949 and, following his death in 1984, married Eugene Lower on 9 May 1999.

Marian was a strong pioneer woman who was independent, tough, gentle, loving, and cared deeply for all those around her. She grew up on ranches, endured the great depression, lived through WWII, cooked for countless ranch hands and continued to ranch and raise her family throughout Montana and Wyoming until returning to Sheridan for good in 1978. Marian touched countless lives through her work on ranches, work at the Wyoming Girl's school, her membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and her great love for the Savior Jesus Christ, and her extended family and friends. Marian loved the outdoors and could be found most summers camped on Bull Creek off of the North Fork of the Tongue River in the Big Horn Mountains. Her love for trout fishing was legendary and will always be remembered fondly by those who knew her. No one ever left her table hungry, was unmoved by her hospitality, felt unloved in her presence or didn't feel the strength of her love and prayers. There are not enough words to say how deeply she will be missed by all that knew her. Her presence, love, and caring spirit will live on in our lives forever.

Marian was preceded in death by her first husband Duane Cotton, her sisters Dorothy Jones and Shirley Yalowizer, and her brother Gary Davis. She is survived by her husband Eugene Lower of Sheridan, Wyoming; daughter Sandra L. Cotton of Phoenix, Arizona; sons Curtis D. (Chris) Cotton of Bridger, Montana, C. John (Leslie) Cotton of Gillette, Wyoming, Benjamin R. (Jodi) Cotton of Bigfork, Montana, Timothy C. (Michelle) Cotton of Glenrock, Wyoming; 16 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

## *Celebrating The Life Of Marian Lower*



*August 20, 1933 - August 31, 2021*

*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ We are made heirs to eternal life. By His grace.*

*~ Titus 3:5-6*

*I am one of His witnesses and in a coming day  
I shall feel the nail marks in His Hands  
and in His feet and shall wet His feet with my tears  
But I shall not know any better then  
than I know now that He is God's Almighty Son  
that He is our Savior and Redeemer*

*~ Bruce R. McConkie*

### Fisherman's Prayer

I pray that I may live to fish  
Until my dying day.  
And when it comes to my last cast,  
I then most humbly pray:  
When in the Lord's great landing net  
And peacefully asleep  
That in His mercy I be judged  
Big enough to keep.

# In Loving Memory Of Marian Viola Cotton Lower

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES

Thursday, September 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints

Family Prayer .....	Sandy Cotton
Presiding .....	Pres Mike Duncan
Conducting .....	Bishop Craig Blackwell
Chorister .....	Emily Cotton
Organist .....	Julie Carroll
Opening Hymn .....	Hymn # 68 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Invocation .....	RaeDean Bruce
Eulogy / Life Sketch .....	Ben Cotton
Musical Number .....	Be Still My Soul
	Rebecca Cotton, Rachel Cotton, Emma Cotton, Samantha Pursobi Cotton, Eliza Dosch, Mary Graybill
	Accompanied by Mary Graybill
Speaker .....	John Cotton
Memories .....	Curt Cotton, Other Family Members & Friends
Closing Remarks .....	Bishop Craig Blackwell
Closing Hymn: Hymn .....	# 152 God Be With You 'til We Meet Again
Benediction .....	Richard Welch

### PALLBEARERS

Curt Cotton, John Cotton, Ben Cotton  
Tim Cotton, Emmanuel Dosch & Ward Cotton

### HONARARY PALLBEARERS

Joseph Cotton, Scott Cotton , J.C. Cotton, Mike Yalowizer  
Matt Yalowizer, Kent Anderson, Jacob Weeder  
Brayden Weeder & Reggie Bruce

A reception to follow the service at the church.

Burial will be at the Custer National Cemetery in  
Little Big Horn Battle Field at 1:30 p.m.  
Dedication of the grave ..... Tim Cotton