



## Annabelle Smelker

March 7, 1924 - October 3, 2014

Annabelle (Winters) Smelker, 90, of Central City, NE, died Friday, October 3, 2014 at Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital in Central City. Services are at a later date in Cheyenne Wells, CO. Burial will be in the Fairview District Cemetery in Cheyenne Wells, CO. There will be no visitation. Wagner Funeral Home in Central City is assisting the family.

Annabelle was born on March 7, 1924 in Arapahoe, CO to Earl C. and Ida M. (Kimmel) Winters. She grew up in Cheyenne Wells, CO.

She was united in marriage to Dean M. Smelker on September 20, 1941 in Sharon Springs, KS. They lived in Stratton, CO for two years and then moved to Cheyenne Wells where they remained for their married life. Annabelle loved to cook and owned a café. She also enjoyed dancing and playing cards. Her greatest love was her husband, Dean, and her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. After Dean's death she moved to Stratton, CO for ten years and lived with her daughter, Ruth and Steve Parish. She then came to Central City to live with her son, Dean Leroy and Leigh Ann Smelker.

Annabelle was a member of the Methodist Church in Cheyenne Wells, CO. Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Dean Leroy (Leigh Ann) Smelker of Central City, NE; and Delmer M. (June) Smelker of Woodland Park, CO, a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth (Steve) Parish of Stratton, CO, fourteen grandchildren, thirty- two great- grandchildren, twenty-three great-great-grandchildren, a brother and sisters-in-law, William (Lucy) Winters of Colorado Springs, CO; Rose Winters of Ellicott CO, and a brother-in- law,

Roland (Sugar) Buettenmuller of Colorado Springs, CO.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean M. Smelker, one daughter, Cheryl Wilms Fearnot, two brothers, Melvin and Junior Winters, three sisters, Mary Ardrey, Daisy Buettenmuller, and Louisa Mae Willis, and four great-grandsons.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to donor's choice and can be sent to Dean L. Smelker at 1803 10th Ave., Central City, NE 68826. Condolences can be posted at the funeral home website, [www.wagnerfuneral.com](http://www.wagnerfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Fairview District Cemetery**

Cheyenne Wells, CO

# Tribute Wall



“ Steve and I (Karen) Winters would like to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of Annabelle. So sorry!! She was an awesome lady! Remeber when she came up tp Elsie and Melvin's to play cards, she was always happy and joking around.

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**Karen Winters** - October 09, 2014 at 02:58 PM

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“ I loved playing dice games and card games with grandma. I also really miss her laugh and bright spirit. She was a wise but tough gal. I also loved her fried chicken, well just about anything she cooked seemed like it was catered to my taste. I will miss the long talks and stories of family past. I will always have you in my heart grandma. I love you!!

*Rodney D. Wilms*

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**Rodney d. wilms** - October 08, 2014 at 07:16 PM



“ I remember when I was a kid me and my grandma always went out to the junk yard in Cheyenne Wells love you grandma!!! R.I P!

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**Bill Smelker** - October 08, 2014 at 11:26 AM