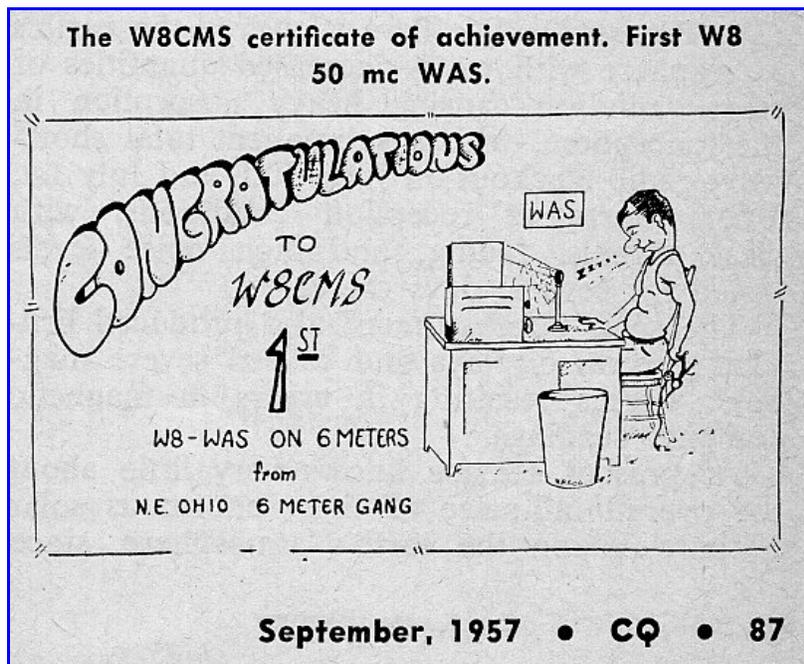


I noticed the passing of **Eda F. Williams W7EPZ** - Cody Wy Enterprise Obituaries Dated 27 Aug 2010. Eda age 80 expired at Life Care Center, Cheyenne, Wy - Our subject was a very special person to our friend **W8CMS Claire Sutton**, the Dean of 6 Meters in Newton Falls, Ohio. Claire has been a silent key for several years now. To confirm the 48 states in the earlier days on six meters was a terrific feat. Herewith we tribute.

An article printed in QST September issue 1957 stated "A girl never knows what a QSO will bring. For Eda Williams, a contact with OM W8CMS one fine June day brought a gift guaranteed to make a YL feel like a Queen for a Day - one dozen red roses. W8CMS wired his floral thank-you after Eda supplied him with his 48th state (Montana) on 50 Mc., thus making Claire the first W8 to WAS (Worked all states) on six meters. As we've said before, it pays to get on the air now and then. The photo was by W1HDQ and the vase of roses are proudly displayed on Eda's operating desk and she is by the microphone.



Eda was born 2 April 1930 to Carl and Frances Forgey in Cody, Wyo. In 1948 Eda married Gene Williams also of Cody. They lived in Billings and Casper before returning to Cody in 1984. Eda moved to Cheyenne in 2004.

Eda and Gene Williams owned ID Signs, where she was the office manager. She supported two daughters and was a Girl Scout leader and chaperone with the Casper Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps. Her hobbies included ham radio, photography, cake decorating, sewing, quilting and stained glass. In Cody she was a

member of the park County Historical Society and Buffalo Bill Historical Center. In Cheyenne Eda belonged to the ESA Philanthropic Sorority, Cheyenne Genealogical and HS plus Hillsdale UME Church choir.

Her musical interests included the Cody Presbyterian Church choir and Sweet Adelines in Cody, with whom she traveled throughout the Rocky Mountains, with memorable performances at Disney World and Carnegie Hall and Austria. She is survived by daughters Jo Ellen (Gary) Butler; Pamela Jean (John) Sherfese; with several great and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and brother Jim Forgey. Services conducted by Rev. Lesley Matchke of Hillsdale UME Church. Contributions to go to either Hillsdale UME Church or St. Joseph's Children's home POB 1117 Torrington, 82240.

(Claire wasn't aware of the article printed in QST until I advised him in the 1990's) I made a copy for him of the QST article and the certificate printed in CQ Magazine. He seemed pleased with the material I presented him in the 90s' His interest in the 6 meter band was known far and wide.