

Matilda G. Zick Humphrey Bunte



Matilda was born in Denver on July 13, 1890 to John and Mary Zick. She was raised in Denver and went to Denver Public Schools. In 1916 she married Ray Humphrey in Denver. They had a daughter, Jeannette, in 1917. In 1918 Ray died from the influenza epidemic.

Matilda brought her daughter to Grand Lake to be near her parents. In 1921 she leased the Cairns store across the street from her parent's store and restaurant. She renamed the store Humphrey's Gift Shop. In 1924 she purchased the building.

She met Harry Bunte about this time and they became a couple. Matilda made a promise to her daughter that she would not remarry until her daughter married. She actually married Harry in 1945 after Jeannette married in 1944.

Matilda and Harry rebuilt the store in the 1933-34 as it now exists and she continued to operate it until her death on March 28, 1972.