



LOUISE F. TURNER
Community Leader

Louise F. Turner was the first municipal clerk of the City of Wheat Ridge and served more than twelve years as clerk and city councilwoman at the beginning of the city's history. Born on January 25, 1925 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, she earned her B.A. in language, geology and education at the University of Colorado, where she met her husband, Jerry. They moved to Wheat Ridge in 1950.

Interested in the incorporation of Wheat Ridge, Louise worked with a citizens group, which led to a favorable vote in June 1969. During this period she compiled complete documentation to preserve "The Story of the Incorporation of Wheat Ridge," and was named the Sentinel newspaper's "Woman of the Year" in 1969. Turner consistently fought to preserve residential neighborhoods and increase open space. She played an integral part in preserving The Fruitdale School (established in 1884) and Columbia Heights School (built in 1925).

She has served on the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Board, Wheat Ridge Animal Control Commission, Jefferson County Recreation Trails Commission, the Jefferson County Horseman's Association, Wheat Ridge Livestock Association and the Herpetological Society. She was a founder and charter member of the Wheat Ridge Historical Society. Turner co-authored the museum pamphlets "Wonders of Wood Stove Days," "Fruitdale School, It's First 100 Years" and the booklet 1976 IN WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO, which records the Centennial-Bicentennial activities.

Louise Turner has been the embodiment of the active, involved citizen, working and volunteering in the community. She was elected to the Jefferson County Hall of Fame on November 14, 1998.