

**VIONA 'VI' MAE HADER**  
*Community Leader – Activist – Historian*



*Vi Hader was born in Holdredge, Nebraska, in 1918. Her family moved to Golden, Colorado, in 1941. Soon after, she joined the Red Cross and during World War II she served as a command program advisor for the U S Air Force. She also spent time in England, Japan, and the Philippines. When she returned to Golden, she began what would become more than 60 years of community service. Her efforts were instrumental in forming the Foothills Art Center. Because of her love of animals she formed the humane society, which later became the Foothills Animal Shelter. She was the first full-time employee of the Golden Chamber of Commerce and later served as the curator for the Astor House.*

*Vi was appointed to the Jefferson County Historical Commission in 1985 and was an active supporter of the Commission's involvement with the Festival of the West from 1975 thru 2001. Vi was also a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of Eastern Star for more than 70 years. She was a founding member of the Golden Landmarks Association and an active member of the First United Methodist Church.*

*Vi was considered one of Golden's Living Landmarks for her work. She passed away on March 21, 2012, and was elected to the Jefferson County Historical Commission Hall of Fame in October, 2012.*