



Betty Jean Rowse, 93, of Burwell, Nebraska passed away on January 4, 2018 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Burwell Baptist Church in Burwell. Pastor Harry Landaw and Pastor Randy Dockweiler will officiate. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 – 7 p.m. Sunday at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to Cedar Creek Bible Church or Burwell Baptist Church.

Betty was born to Harley and Maudie (Sherman) Nixon on August 10, 1924 in Burwell, Nebraska. She married Freeman Rowse of Burwell on May 11, 1940. To this union three sons and a daughter were born. Freeman and Betty lived on the Rowse homestead place for all of their married life.

After Freeman invented the hydraulic dump rake and the business started to grow Betty would go with Freeman delivering equipment all over the mid states from North Dakota to Texas. They enjoyed this time spent together.

Betty accepted the Lord as her personal Savior in 1946 and became active as a Sunday School teacher, camp worker and Bible School teacher at Cedar Creek Bible Church. Their home was open for Bible Studies and meals were served to many passing through. Betty was famous for her baking pies and homemade donuts and cinnamon rolls. The workers in the office can testify to the yummy stuff coming from “Grandma’s” house. Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas was time for all the family to come to Grandma’s house for dinner and a great time together, even at 93 years old, the family came for meals.

Betty was a charter member of the Homemakers Club that started on May 1, 1946.

Betty leaves behind her two sons, Dan and Ruth Rowse of Ord, Nebraska and Terry and Marty Rowse of Burwell, Nebraska and a daughter Linda Worden of Burwell, Nebraska and a daughter-in-law, Virginia Rowse of Burwell, Nebraska. Fourteen grandchildren, Jerry and Tammy Rowse, Darry Rowse, Penny and Randy Dockweiler, Debbie and Eric Ballagh, Darla and Gary Tuma, Rod and Amy Rowse, Randy and Layla Worden, Melissa and Corby Goerl, Chris and Crystal Worden, Steve and Melinda Rowse, Cindy and Mike Beach, Rachael Rowse and Roxanna Armour. Twenty-nine great-grandchildren and nine great great-grandchildren. A sister, Phyllis Reynolds of Westminster, Colorado.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a son, Ron Rowse. Four brothers, two sisters, a granddaughter, Joni Worden and two great-granddaughters, Faythe and Carrigan Worden.

She will be greatly missed by family and friends.