



Bonita Eudora “Bonnie” Conner, 92 of Burwell, Nebraska passed away on May 12, 2018 in the comfort of her home surrounded by a loving family.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, May 18, 2018 at 10:30 AM at the United Methodist Church in Burwell with Rev. Dennis Davenport officiating. Burial will be in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell, Nebraska.

Bonnie was born July 7, 1925 in Scotia, Nebraska, the daughter of Otheila and Robert Mitchell. She graduated from Scotia Consolidated Schools in 1943 and taught at the Howard County school for one year. In 1944-45 she worked at the Grand Island Ordinance Plant making bombs. She taught school at Holt County District #233 for two years. In 1946, Bonnie went to Washington State with her Uncle Buck Koewn. She worked in an outdoor market when she filled fishermen’s boats with food rations. She was also put to work cleaning turkeys.

In November of 1946, she came back home to the Mitchell ranch in the sandhills and started dating Bo Conner. She went back to Kearney State in 1944, renewing her teaching certificate and filling a temporary teaching position at Fort Hartsuff, later returning to teach at Holt County #233 while living on the ranch.

Bonnie and Bo were United in marriage on June 2, 1949. She returned to teaching at Blake School. In 1951 the couple moved to the Clifford Ranch where she continued teaching at the Clifford School and Peterson School. Bonnie and Bo lost two children Rodney Joe and Mary Elizabeth before they had their daughter Cindy in 1957 and Sheri in 1963. While living on the Clifford ranch, Bonnie cooked for many hay crews each summer and raised her family.

In 1969, Bo and Bonnie moved to Burwell and bought the Dairy Sweet and called it Bo’s Dairy Mart. In 1975 when they sold the Dairy Mart, she worked at Henry’s Variety Store, later Ruthie’s.

Bonnie enjoyed many activities, the Rolling Pins, United Methodist Women, a 47-year member of the Legion Auxiliary, charter member of Meals on Wheels, going to coffee with the ladies and a little gambling with the slot machines. Quick Hits was her favorite machine. Bonnie always loved playing pinochle, bowling and was a wiz at crossword puzzles. Some of her favorite family times were spent at the camper at Dick’s Homestead Knolls with many fun times fishing on the pontoon and camping with family, especially her grandsons. She also enjoyed traveling to Arizona to see family and friends and eating out having a good cheeseburger.

Survivors include her husband Bo Conner; daughter and son-in-law Cindy and Ron Baillie of Sargent, Nebraska; daughter Sheri Conner of Hastings, Nebraska; grandsons Heath Baillie of Lincoln, Nebraska and Hunter and wife Kate Baillie of St. Joseph, Missouri and many family members.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Otheila Mitchell; a daughter Mary Elizabeth and son Rodney Joe Conner; brothers Dale Mitchell and Ernie Mitchell; sisters June Luce, Thelma Dulitz, Lois Sideck and Dorthy Sorensen.

Bonnie’s greatest gift was her kindness and never speaking an unkind word about others. As a two-time cancer survivor, her strength, determination and willingness to try for better health as a 92 year-old was an amazing gift.