

Eula Mae Scherzberg, 87, of Burwell, Nebraska died March 31, 2017 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Burwell. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Jon Franson will officiate. Visitation will be Monday from 5 – 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Eula Mae (Phillipps) Scherzberg was born June 7, 1929, in Burwell, Nebraska. Eula Mae was the third child born to Sarah Emma (Johnson) and Henry "Bum" Phillipps. She was baptized and confirmed along with her husband, Leland, on February 8, 1953, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Burwell.

When she was very young, the family moved south of Ainsworth, Nebraska to a ranch on the Calamus River where Eula Mae spent her early childhood years. When she was in the 8th grade, the family leased out the ranch and returned to live in Burwell where she graduated from Burwell High School with the class of 1946. She taught school in Loup County at Nunda and Valley View schools and in Garfield County at Sioux Creek. During this time she met and married Leland Scherzberg. After their marriage on February 12, 1949, in Burwell, they moved to Leland's parents' ranch on the Calamus River in Loup County where they resided the rest of their married lives. To this union, three children were born: Randall Lee, Sue Ann, and Christina.

Eula Mae had a heart of service, devoting many years in caregiving to members of her family. Her interests included raising Hereford cattle with her husband Leland, gardening, canning, and crocheting. She was also an avid reader. Eula was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church, life-long member of the Valley View Ladies' Club, active in the Loup County Historical Society, as well as serving as 4-H leader for several years.

After Leland passed away on October 19, 1989, Eula and her sister, June, enjoyed traveling together on extended trips across the globe. Eula remained in her home until 2015 when she moved to Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

Eula was preceded in death by her husband Leland, siblings Dale & wife Bell Phillipps, June and husband Archie Campbell. Sisters-in-law Maxine (Scherzberg) and husband Vern Brown, and Bernice (Scherzberg) and Robert Schrup, brother-in-law Virgil Scherzberg and wife Delores, and a special nephew, Kevin Brown.

She is survived by her children Randall Scherzberg, Christina Scherzberg both of Burwell, and Sue Ann & husband Bruce Switzer of rural Loup County; grandchildren Adam Switzer and wife Teresa and their children: David, Ella, and Alfred and Sarah (Switzer) and husband Mark Sortum and their children: Emmett and Henry. She is also survived by her younger brother Donald Phillipps & wife Genie of Burwell as well as many nieces and nephews.