

Irene Virginia Graves, 96, of Burwell, Nebraska died June 17, 2015 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the United Methodist Church in Burwell. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Stan Gurney will officiate. Visitation will be one hour before the service. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Irene was born October 15, 1918 to Charles and Isabel (Gregory) Anderson.

She attended Burwell High School and graduated in 1936. She taught school for two years at a Country school.

On September 28, 1940 she was united in marriage to Melvin Graves. They had a daughter Lennice. They farmed in the Burwell area for 27 years before moving into Burwell.

Irene worked at the Burwell Community Hospital and also for the Burwell Tribune. She was a long time member of the United Methodist Church and served on many committees. She was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one sister, Esther Bartusek and a brother, Carl Anderson.

Irene is survived by a daughter, Lennice and Gordon Vanek of Columbus, Nebraska. Two grandsons, Michael and Kara Vanek and their daughter Allie Vanek and Mark and Diane Vanek and their children, Emily, Ryan and Nicholas Vanek all of Lincoln, Nebraska and several nieces and nephews.