



Irene Henrietta Stanek, age 87, of Taylor, Nebraska and formerly of Ord, passed away on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at Valley View Senior Village at Ord, Nebraska.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 2, 2016 at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Taylor. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Dennis Davenport officiated. Memorials are suggested to new playground equipment at the Taylor Park.

Irene was born February 13, 1929 to Henry and Marie (Valla) Hayek at Ord, Nebraska. She was raised on the family farm a few miles from the Ord city boundary. In May 1946, Irene graduated from Ord High School; by June of 1946, Irene had earned her Elementary School Teaching Certificate. She then taught in local rural schools from 1946 through 1951. On September 16, 1950 Irene was married to Wesley James Stanek of Burwell; to this union two sons were born, Steven and David. The couple managed a farm near Taylor until Wesley's death in May of 1983.

After Wesley's death, Irene moved to Taylor where she immersed herself in her flowers and vegetable garden, needlework, and especially her day care business. Irene loved spending time with children because she sincerely believed all children were precious.

Irene is survived by her sons, Steven and Barbara Stanek of Burwell, Nebraska, and David and Diane Yu Stanek of San Antonio, Texas as well as her three granddaughters, Angela and Blake Moon of Omaha, Nebraska and Ashley Stanek and Hannah Stanek of San Antonio, Texas and her brother Lumir and Emily Hayek of Ord, Nebraska.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Marie Hayek, husband Wesley, sisters Alice and Reinhart Peters and Mildred and Floyd Slagle, Sr. and a brother Ladd Sindalar.