



Lola Agnes Birch, 88, of Grand Island, Nebraska died at her home on April 5, 2017.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 10, 2017 at the United Methodist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Dennis Davenport and Pastor Darrell Holzinger will officiate. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church. Memorials are suggested to the family. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Lola was born December 28, 1928 in Burwell, Nebraska to Edward and Cora (Kinney) Combs. As a child Lola moved with her family to South Dakota. They returned to Burwell when she was fourteen years old.

Lola married Russell Birch in Burwell on September 30, 1946. They lived east of Burwell, Nebraska. They moved to Missouri for a year before moving to Hastings, Nebraska for a year and then to Wood Lake for four years, where she cooked for the hayfield crew. They then moved to Grand Island, Nebraska, where; she and Russell ran a dairy and raised rabbits. She also, sewed at the Needle In A Haystack for several years. After that she worked at Delicious Foods for nine years until her health forced her to retire.

Lola enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening and she was known for her pies.

Lola is survived by her husband, Russell Birch of Grand Island, Nebraska. Two daughters, Beverly "Kay" Eckles of St. Libory, Nebraska and Shirley and Philip Webb of Cairo, Nebraska. Seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild.

Lola was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter, Ella May, two brothers, Evert Combs and Loren Combs and a sister, Celia Burson and a son-in-law, Ronald Eckles.