



Marilyn Lucille Clabaugh, 78, of Burwell, Nebraska died May 17, 2015 at the Valley County Health Systems Hospital in Ord, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the United Methodist Church in Burwell. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 – 8 p.m. Monday at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Methodist Church or the American Diabetes Association.

Marilyn was born December 28, 1936 in Sargent, Nebraska to Bert and Helen (Sweet) Helmkamp. She grew up in the Taylor area. As a child she became friends with Wanda Minor, and they remained lifelong friends. Marilyn married Ken Robbins in Burnet, Texas. To this union four children were born.

Marilyn married Jim Clabaugh on April 24, 1973 in Burwell. They farmed near Burwell until 1992 when they retired and moved to Burwell

Being a lifelong learner, Marilyn worked for and achieved her GED after raising her children. Marilyn was a 50-year member of the United Methodist Church where she was very active in all aspects, especially choir and children's ministries. Making everyone welcome was her mission on Sunday mornings. She enjoyed making afghans for her grandchildren, puttering in her yard, volunteering with Meals on Wheels and participating in Christian Women's Club. Time was spent traveling to see her grandchildren and their activities. Her passion for walking helped to control her diabetes.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Jim Clabaugh of Burwell, Nebraska. Three children, Sue and Rick Petersen of Downers Grove, Illinois, Vern and Kay Robbins of Grand Island, Nebraska and Warren and Sue Robbins of Minden, Nebraska. Ten grandchildren, Brittony Robbins, Kyle Robbins, Krista Robbins, Nathan Petersen, Elizabeth Petersen Banaszak, Gabriel Robbins, Abigail Stahmer, Benjamin Robbins, Sara Robbins and Derrick Walker; also, two great-grandchildren, Eleanor and Everett Banaszak.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Bernard Robbins.