



Phyllis Pearl Nielsen, 74, of Taylor, Nebraska died April 2, 2015 surrounded by family at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 6, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in Kent Cemetery near Burwell. Pastor David Dobbertien and Pastor Alan Petersen will officiate. Visitation will be Sunday from 5 -7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell, Nebraska. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association.

Phyllis was born February 17, 1941 in Loup County, Nebraska to Earl and Minnie (Ostendorf) Lewis. Phyllis graduated from Taylor High School in 1958. She then worked for Nash Finch and went to Grand Island Business College.

Phyllis married Alvin "Swede" Nielsen on June 1, 1963 in Grand Island, Nebraska. Phyllis traveled with Swede while he worked road construction. In 1965 they moved to her family ranch north of Taylor, Nebraska. Phyllis worked as a dispatcher at Region 26. They moved into Taylor in the early 1980's. She continued to dispatch and was a homemaker in 1988 and 1989. She then traveled again with Swede as he worked road construction again. During this time she was a caregiver and dispatcher in different areas and helped with a construction company.

One of her greatest enjoyments was to perform the Hee Haw skit at the nursing home with her family and friends. Phyllis was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, crafts and music. She served on the Loup County Fair Board and the Nebraska State Agriculture Society for many years. Phyllis was supportive of her children in all aspects, especially the 4-H Kountry Kousins club. She was a ranch hand and a caregiver in the truest sense of the word.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Swede Nielsen of Taylor, Nebraska. Two children, Terri Nielsen of Grand Prairie, Texas and Greg Nielsen of Arcadia, Nebraska and four grandchildren, Brian Nielsen, Hollie O'Brien, Katie O'Brien and Emmylou Flanagan. Two sisters, Bev and Don Foster of Ericson, Nebraska and Darlene and Jay Dee Tetschner of Burwell, Nebraska.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents and aunts and uncles.