



Vernell Jean Davenport, 90, of Burwell, Nebraska passed away on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at the Valley County Health Systems Hospital in Ord, Nebraska.

Funeral services will 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the Ord Christian Church in Ord, Nebraska. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell, Nebraska. Pastor Doug Durre and Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Visitation will be Monday from 5- 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell, Nebraska. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Valley County Health System.

Vernell was born January 13, 1929 in Garfield County near Burwell in the stone house up Jones Canyon where her parents Elzie and Lillie (Schmidt) Donner lived.

Vernell graduated from Burwell High School in 1946. After graduation she got her teaching certificate and taught one year at Willow Springs School.

On May 25, 1947 she married the love of her life Clarence Davenport and then she taught a year over on the Cedar. They were blessed with three children.

Vernell was a very kind and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She always thought of her family before herself and always looked forward to their visits. She always greeted everyone with a smile.

Vernell is survived by three children; Dan and Pat Davenport of Burwell, Nebraska, Peggy Davenport of Burwell, Nebraska and Dorothy and Jeff Boilesen of Ord, Nebraska. Eight grandchildren, Angie and John Urbanovsky, Danny and LeAnn Davenport, Jess and Pam Helgoth, Steve and Melinda Rowse, Denise and Mark Wray, Ronda and Korey Johnson, Jerry and Shannon Helgoth and Cindy and Mike Beach and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Vernell was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a brother, Marvin and Edith Donner, a sister, Dorothy Arnold and two great-grandsons, Dusty Helgoth as an infant and Tyler Davenport as a toddler.