



Clarabelle Brakhahn, age 84, of Beaver City, Nebraska, formerly of Hendley, Nebraska passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the Beaver City Manor. She was the eighth child born to John and Clara (Mayes) Steinke on November 6, 1933 on a farm Northwest of Beaver City.

Clarabelle grew up on a farm west of Beaver City and graduated from Beaver City High School in 1951. She was baptized during high school at the Christian Church in Beaver City, Nebraska and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Hendley on December 20, 1953. June 10, 1951 she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Harold Henry Brakhahn. They were blessed with four sons and one daughter. Harold and Clarabelle lived in Iowa for 3 years early in their married life and spent the remaining time in Holbrook and Hendley area farming. After Harold's death in 2007 she moved to Sunshine Village in Arapahoe where she lived until her first stroke in July, 2011 when she moved to the Assisted Living in Beaver City and later to The Manor where she lived at the time of her death.

Clarabelle was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her family meant the world to her and she stayed in contact with many in her extended family. Genealogy and family history was of great importance to her and she researched and compiled all four branches of the family tree back several generations. This was all before computers made this much easier. She loved baking for her family. Her bread, pies and raisin filled cookies were family favorites. She also enjoyed embroidery and cross stitch and kept her family stocked in tea towels, pillow cases, quilts and the like.

Clarabelle was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Harold; her parents; five sisters and two brothers; daughter-in-law, Zona Brakhahn and one infant granddaughter, Logan Brakhahn.

Left to remember her lovingly are her children, Doug and Sheila Brakhahn, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Gary and Jenny Brakhahn, Arapahoe, Nebraska; Ken Brakhahn, Hendley, Nebraska; Randy and Pam Brakhahn, Kearney, Nebraska; and Patty and Kurt Stradley, Raymond, Nebraska; 6 grandchildren, Tyia Brakhahn, Staci and Travis

Wray, Chad and Stephanie Brakhahn, Tyler Brakhahn, Mariah and Connor Niemeyer, Kyra Stradley and 8 great grandchildren; and many other extended family members and friends.

Condolences and personal reflections may be left at wenburgfuneralhome.com

Viewing and visitation will be Friday, November 17, 2017 from 5 PM till 7 PM at Wenburg Funeral Home in Beaver City, Nebraska and prior to the service at the church. Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 10:30 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Arapahoe, Nebraska with Rev. James Moshier, officiating. Interment will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Beaver City, Nebraska. Wenburg Funeral Home of Beaver City, Nebraska is in charge of the arrangements.