



Violet Elizabeth Hilker, age 89, of Arapahoe Nebraska passed away on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at the Hillcrest Nursing Home of Bellevue, Nebraska. She was born on the family farm north of Arapahoe, Nebraska on May 5, 1928 to Fred and Louise (nee Koeteman) Huxoll. She was the third child of 12 born to the Huxoll family.

She was received into God's Kingdom through Holy Baptism on May 27, 1928 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Arapahoe, Nebraska. She attended parochial school and was confirmed in her baptismal vow on May 18, 1944 at St. Matthew also. On December 1, 1948 she was united in marriage to Chester Hilker of Arapahoe, Nebraska. God blessed this union with three daughters: Geraldine, Janet and Nancy.

They made their home on a farm northwest of Arapahoe where Violet continued to live for almost 69 years. She worked alongside her husband, helping in many ways on the farming/ranch operations. She enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking, baking and sewing. She would always have a big noon meal ready for anyone helping on the farm and would take meals to the field at harvest times. Everyone in her family loved her homemade bread, rolls and cinnamon rolls. Violet enjoyed sewing clothes for her three daughters and also made several of her sister's wedding dresses. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Arapahoe and enjoyed being on the College/Armed Services Committee for LWML.

Preceding Violet's death were her parents, husband Chester in February, 2001 and siblings: Laurel Huxoll, Martin Huxoll, June Tracy, Wayne Huxoll and Betty Riepe. Also sisters-in-law Beverly Huxoll, April Hilker. Brothers-in-law: Joe ten Bensel, Lloyd Golter, Clarence Tracy, Buddy Riepe, Myron Hilker, Darrel Deterding and Kenneth Hilker.

Surviving siblings are Marjorie ten Bensel, Arapahoe, Chuck Huxoll, Holbrook, Twyla Golter, Flagstaff, AZ, Norman (Dorothy) Huxoll, Holbrook, NE, Jim (LeAnn) Huxoll, Cambridge, NE and Isabelle (Alvin) Pfeiffer, Arapahoe. Sisters-in-law: Brenda Huxoll, Joyce Hilker and Dorothy (Lawrence) Wenger.

She leaves to mourn her 3 daughters: Geraldine (Brad) Rickert of Kansas City, MO; Janet (Dick) Hermes of Arapahoe and Nancy (John) Bumgardner of Hastings, NE.

Violet's eight grandchildren and great grandchildren have fond memories of their time spent together at the farm: Jeannie (Derrick) Wilde, Braden and Owen of Kansas City; Stacy (Joe) Mudd, Kamden and Brody of Kansas City; Robyn (Dennis) O'Roark, Addison and Emerson of Kansas City; Ryan (Robyn) Hermes, Mandy Loghry, Brad Loghry, Christopher, Drew of Arapahoe; Nicholas (Alaina) Bumgardner, Elijah, Isaac, Judah, Adam of Hastings; Nathan (Cori) Bumgardner, Zoey, Taye, Edison of Omaha; Brent (Amber) Bumgardner, Hadley Pleas, Cohen of Omaha and Bridget Bumgardner of Omaha. She will also be missed by her many nieces, nephews and friends.

Viewing and visitation will be Thursday, December 14, 2017 from 2 PM till 8 PM, with the family present from 7 PM till 8 PM at Wenburg Funeral Chapel, 652 Main Street, Arapahoe, Nebraska. Funeral services will be Friday, December 15, 2017 at 11 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church of Arapahoe, Nebraska with Rev. James Moshier, officiating. Interment will follow at Arapahoe Cemetery, Arapahoe, Nebraska. Wenburg Funeral Home of Arapahoe, Nebraska is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences or personal reflections can be left at wenburgfuneralhome.com