

Gladys D. Holmes, 92

Nov. 5, 1906 – May 14, 1999 ✓

MANILLA – Gladys Dorathea, daughter of Emil and Minnie Bargaquast Baur, was born Nov. 5, 1906, in Chicago, IL. In 1907 the family moved to Manilla. She attended school in the Aspinwall and Manilla area.

Sept. 26, 1923, she married Jake Holmes in Denison. Two children were born to this union. Their first home was a farm near Burke, SD, where they quickly became experienced corn pickers. A few years later they purchased 20 acres 3 1/2 miles west of Manilla. In 1944, they sold the 20 acres and moved to town into a house that had belonged to Gladys' parents. She stayed in their home until May 17, 1997, when she suffered a stroke. They were custodians at the Manilla High School in the late 1940's and caretakers of Nishnabotna Cemetery from about 1958 – 1963. She also worked at Anderson Clothing Store in Manilla in the late 1940's. During her life she worked along side of her husband. They clerked on the Election Board. A member of the United Methodist Church since 1947, she was active in United Methodist Women and in making quilts, layettes and lap robes for Missions and the Manor. She died May 14, 1999, at Little Flower Haven Nursing Home at age 92 years, six months and nine days.

Besides her husband, Jake, who died in 1972, she was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Emil J. Baur; a sister, Helen Baur, age 10; two infant grandchildren and an infant great grandson. She is survived by two daughters, Doris (Noel) Ray of North Bend, NE; La Jean (Gale) Steinhoff of Harlan; four grandchildren, Judy L. Ray, Connie (Darwin) Campbell, Rick Steinhoff and Noel Jr. (Bud) Ray; six great grandchildren, Judy's daughter, Nicolle O'Connor; Connie's son and daughter, Travis and Angela; and Bud's daughters, Jill, Jennifer and Janelle; three sisters-in-law, Edythe Baur of Denver, CO; Grace Potts of Absarokee, MT and Ann Holmes of Manilla.

Funeral services were held May 17, 1999, at the Ohde Funeral Home with Pastor Brian Sherman, United Church of Manilla officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna Cemetery. Casket bearers were Dale Holmes, Stan Spies, Noel Jr. (Bud) Ray, Danny Holmes, Darwin Campbell and Jim Chance.