

## Dolores Beatrice Mickelson, 91

April 23, 1926 - June 23, 2017

**IRWIN** - Dolores Beatrice Mickelson, the daughter of Hjalmer and Isabel (Nelson) Wiig, was born on April 23, 1926, in rural Irwin. She graduated from Irwin Consolidated School in 1943. Dolores then worked for five years for Farmers Savings Bank in Irwin. On January 8, 1949, Dolores married Howard Gail Mickelson at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church parsonage in Irwin. The couple moved to Howard's parents' farm in October 1949, where they lived for 56 years. During this time, Dolores worked for the Irwin veterinarian, Dr. Blair; she held this job for 20 years.



Dolores was a member of the Irwin Church of Christ, where she had once been active in the Ladies Missionary Group. She had also served as a Sunday School teacher for 10 years and sang in the choir. In recent years, Dolores had attended the First Baptist Church in Harlan and she greatly appreciated the visits from Pastor Dan Hawn.

Dolores and Howard started the Greenridge Steam and Gas Antique Show on the Mickelson Family Farm; the Show continues to be held annually. Dolores loved to cook and was known for her homemade pies and Norwegian Kringla. She did a lot of sewing and made many of her children's clothes.

Dolores B. Mickelson died on Friday, June 23, 2017, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan. She had reached the age of 91 years and 2 months.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Howard Gail Mickelson, on September 2, 2005; four brothers; and two sisters. She is survived by one daughter, Mary Ahrenholtz of Harlan; one son, Danny Mickelson of Kirkman; one sister, Gloria Kallevig of Irwin; six grandchildren, Tabitha Ahrenholtz and Camilla Ahrenholtz, both of Council Bluffs, Casie (Toby) Muller of Adair, Kristopher (Amie) Mickelson of Earling, Andrea (Ken) Nielsen of Westphalia, and Dani Dee (Garret) Knop of Walnut; 10 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held on Monday, June 26, 2017, at the Irwin Church of Christ with Rev. Ted Sieck of the Irwin Church of Christ and Pastor Ron Rasmussen of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Irwin, officiating. Peggy Jo Ahrenholtz served as the organist. Casket bearers were Ken Nielsen, Toby Muller, Jerry Nelson, Garret Knop, Kris Mickelson, and Sheldon Kallevig. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin.

The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be left online at [www.burmeister-johannsen.com](http://www.burmeister-johannsen.com).

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