

**Ethel Robinson, 95****March 6, 1919 - Dec. 4, 2014**

**IRWIN** — Ethel Huey Robinson was born on March 6, 1919 to Iles and Bessie (Gapen) Huey in rural South Dakota. The family homestead was in White River, SD. After several girls were born an old chicken house was cleaned up and added to the 'shack' for a bedroom for all the girls. As a child they heated their home with a wood burning stove and when they ran out of wood or cobs, they gathered dry cow chips and burnt them. Ethel was in a rather large family, with three brothers and seven sisters. She spent most of her childhood in South Dakota, until age 15 when the family moved to Oto.

Elementary schooling was received at the Texsam Rural School. The one-room school house had classes through 8th grade. It was a mile from the Huey homestead and the children walked to school every day. After moving to Iowa Ethel finished up her schooling and graduated from Oto High School in 1939. Ethel spent most of her time, when not in school, helping her mother with the duties of the large family or her father with the farm. She got her first job her senior year of high school, working at a vegetable stand near South Sioux City, NE where she eventually met her future husband.

Archie Harold Robinson lived and worked in the fields for the owner of the vegetable farm when he ran into Ethel. They got married shortly after her graduation on May 28, 1939 in South Sioux City, NE. Three beautiful children came of this union, Lloyd Henry, Jean Anne, and Donald Lee. Ethel was a farm wife, taking care of the kids and the house. Ethel held different jobs over the years ranging from cooking at local cafes and for Irwin Community School, to taking care of all the book work for their growing family business. Ethel retired in 1989. She was a member of the Irwin United Methodist Church, and the UMW Circle receiving an Honorary Membership Pin in 1983. She worked countless hours in the church kitchen working on various fund raisers. In 1998 she was Irwin's proud Citizen of the Year! She was a 4-H leader, a Sunday school teacher, a Greenridge member, worked at the Irwin Senior Center, a member of the Area XIII Advisory Council, and was the Keenager's president for years. Ethel was a great cook and did lots of canning over the years. She enjoyed sewing, and in her spare time liked to read, play cards, do word searches, and put puzzles together. Ethel died at the Manilla Manor in Manilla having attained the age of ninety-five years, eight months and twenty-eight days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Archie Robinson; son Lloyd; sisters: Roletta Joachimsen, Mabel Dicks, Bonnie Vroman, Myrtle Krejci, Beth Huey and Vesta Huey; brother Roy Huey and her in-laws: Hiram Dicks, Gerald Vroman, Velma Huey, Hazel and her husband Tom Robertson, Norma Kazo and three nephews. She is survived by her daughter Jean Anne and her husband James Borchert and her son Donald Lee Robinson and his wife Gladys and daughter-in-law Linda Robinson all of Irwin; seven grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; her sister and brothers: Merle and her husband Roy Cabo of Atlanta, GA; Glen Huey of Irwin and Glee Huey and his wife Lilly of Audubon; brother-in-law Emil Krejci of O'Fallon, MO; sister-in-law Sandra Huey of New Mexico; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were officiated by Pastor Ted Sieck and Pastor Leila Blackburn at the Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. Burial was held at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin with Todd Kelley, Kelly Robinson, Lenny Robinson, Jamie Robinson, Brett Richards, Mark Trewet and Rick Schwarte serving as casket bearers.



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