



Dorothy Coler

September 15, 1925 – December 11, 2012

Dorothy May Coler, 87, longtime Ogallala resident, died December 11, 2012 in Homestead Rehab Center in Lincoln.

Dorothy was born September 15, 1925 on a farm in rural Norton County, Kan., the daughter of John and Leona (Palmer) Railsback. She spent her early youth growing up on a farm and attended Hudson Piller Elementary School.

She attended Ogallala High School two years and two years at Lebanon High School from which she graduated in 1944.



On February 7, 1946 Dorothy was united in marriage to Perry R. Coler in Oberlin, Kan. The couple was blessed with one son Gary. They resided in Ogallala for 28 more years. During this time she was employed at Goodall Electric and TRW as an inspector and as a nurse's aide at Indian Hills Manor.

In 1998 Dorothy moved to Hastings, Nebr. to be closer to her family. She became a member of the Keystone Baptist Church. Through the teachings of Pastor Dale Phillips she grew in her faith and closer to Jesus Christ.

She was a member of the Ogallala Methodist Church and served as President of the VFW Women's Auxiliary.

She enjoyed her family and many hobbies, making care bears, dolls, and birdhouses. Dorothy's hobbies included landscape painting, cooking, sewing, knitting, and crocheting. She and her husband liked traveling to a favorite camping spot.

Preceding her in death was her parents, husband Perry in 1996, and five brothers Merle, Earl, Harry L., Donald, and Verlyn.

Survivors include her son Gary (Carol) Coler of Lincoln; a brother Loren (Pauline) Railsback of Peoria, AZ.; four sisters: Maxine (Glen) Brown and Imogene Davison, all of Ogallala; Mavis Ohlson of Cambridge; and Kathrine (Curt) Brunner of Tuscon, AZ. Three grandchildren: Brett Coler and Shannon Cuciti, both of Lincoln; and Troy Coler of Omaha. Seven great-grandchildren Allison, Rachel, CJ, and Reagan Cuciti and Cooper, Camry, and Capri Coler and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, December 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Saturday, December 15, at 10 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Chuck Rager officiating. A memorial has been established to Careactor, 228 East 7th, Hastings, NE 68901.

Interment is in the Ogallala Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com. Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.