



Lois Dilky

April 29, 1920 – September 23, 2012

Lois Dilky, 92, longtime Big Springs resident, died Sunday, September 23, 2012 in the Ogallala Community Hospital.

Lois was born April 29, 1920 at the farm home of her parents Herman C. and Margaret (Saathoff) Johnson near Fairfield, Nebr. in Clay County. She attended Webber School District 57 in Clay County through the 8th grade and graduated from Fairfield High School with the class of 1937.

On October 20, 1939 Lois married Raymond L. Dilky. They lived near Giltner, Nebr. until the spring of 1940 when Lois' father and Raymond came to rural Keith County to build their home. The Dilky's lived in the newly built chicken house until the house was completed. The couple continued to live and raise their children on the family farm north of Big Springs.



She accepted Jesus Christ in her early life and was an active worker in the church, especially with the youth. Lois was a life member of the National Women's Missionary Society of the Church of God. She served as a Sunday School teacher for many years and also volunteered as a teacher and craft leader in Bible School.

Lois enjoyed her family and the times they shared together and found pleasure in the out-of-doors in the Rocky Mountains. She was a life member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. She served as Butterfly Education Preservation Chairman of the Rocky Mountain Region for 17 years and the State of Nebraska Butterfly Chairman for 18 years. She started the North Table Federated Garden Club of Big Springs in May 1951. She served as president several times and when they no longer were Federated, she joined the Rainbow Garden Club of Ogallala in 1965. Lois served as president of the Rainbow Garden Club for 20 years. She was a member of the Rocky Mountain Nature Association of Estes Park, Colo.

Her hobbies included doing crafts, gardening, and traveling. She loved to help friends and many 4-H youth with craft projects. Lois especially liked spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was Mom or Grandma to many youth.

Preceding her in death was her husband Raymond, one son Donald, a granddaughter Carrie Lea Dilky, a brother Herbert Johnson, and four sisters Lena Johnson, Martha Stahnke, Marie Horner, and Margaret Roush.

Survivors include a daughter Marcia (Warren) Mays of Big Springs and a son Ivor Dilky of Mitchell. Four grandchildren: Angelena Mays of Big Springs, Leanna Dilky of Cheyenne, Wyo., Michael (Renee) Dilky of Denver, and Justin (Becky) Mays of Indianola, IA. and three great-grandchildren. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Monday, September 24, from 1 to 6 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home. The Funeral Service will be Tuesday, September 25, at 2 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home with Rev. Lynn Lutz of the Lewellen Wesleyan Community Church officiating.

Interment is in the Big Springs Cemetery. A memorial has been established to the Lewellen Wesleyan Community Church. Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com. Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.