



## Esther L. Hood

June 4, 1927 – March 16, 2013

Esther L. Hood, 85, longtime Ogallala resident, died Saturday, March 16, 2013, in the Bethany Lutheran Home in Sioux Falls, So. Dakota.

Esther Lavon Hood was born June 4, 1927 in Haxtun, Colo., the daughter of Irwin and Alvina (Rahe) Sanders.

The family moved often as Esther was growing up. She attended most of her grade school years in Lodgepole, Nebr. In eighth grade she attended a country school. They lived in Lisco a short time before moving to Ogallala. Esther earned her GED Certificate in 1977.

She was employed at Goodalls during the war years and then at the Ben Franklin Store. She was employed at TRW and ASC, retiring after twenty-three years in 1989.

On March 28, 1948 Esther married Thomas "Blondie" Hood at St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Ogallala. Two sons were born to this union. The couple lived in the same house their entire married life.

Esther was a member of St. Pauls Lutheran Church.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband "Blondie" in 1995; three sisters Donna, Clarabelle, and Helen; five brothers: William Jr, Raymond, Marvin , Virgil, and Leland.

Survivors include two sons: Robert (Connie) Hood of Sioux Falls, So. Dak.; and Wayne (Peggy) Hood of Riverton, Wyo. Also three grandsons: Robert Hood, Jr. and his wife Colleen of Lakeside; Randy Hood and his wife Lindsay of Lincoln; and Jason Hood and his wife Nuria of Guipuzkoa, Spain; five great-grandchildren: Baily, Macala, TJ, Kylie, and Bobby; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be Thursday, March 21, at 10 a.m. in St. Pauls Lutheran Church with Rev. John Stubenrouch officiating.

Interment is in the Ogallala Cemetery. A memorial has been established to St. Pauls Lutheran Church.

Online Condolences may be sent to [webmaster@drauckerfh.com](mailto:webmaster@drauckerfh.com). Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.

