



Kathleen “Billie” Nichols

August 19, 1916 – November 5, 2011

Kathleen "Billie" Nichols, 95, longtime Ogallala resident, died Saturday, November 5, 2011 in Indian Hills Manor.

Kathleen was born August 19, 1916 in Chapman, Nebr., the daughter of Louis and Minnie Dye Powell. She was renamed 'Billie' by her brother and remained so all her life. She attended elementary school in Central City, Nebr. graduating from high school there.

Billie attended cosmetology school in Grand Island and then moved to Ogallala. She established her own beauty salon. She met Waldo Nichols in Ogallala and they were married June 9, 1937. The couple made their home in Ogallala.. When they semi-retired from farming Billie and Waldo moved to Sun City, Ariz., and resided there more than 33 years.



In 1999 Billie and Waldo moved to Greeley, Colo. to be closer to family. Waldo passed away in December of 1999 and Billie continued to live in Greeley until moving to Ogallala in 2008.

Billie was a life member of the Methodist Church and belonged to the PEO. Her hobbies included golfing, meeting new friends, helping others, gambling, and shopping.

Preceding her in death was her husband Waldo, daughter-in-law Jean Nichols, brother Kenneth Powell, and sister Bernice Getko.

Survivors include her son Mick Nichols and special friend Phyllis Reed, both of Ogallala and her daughter Christine and her husband Bill Havens of Greeley, CO. Four grandchildren Tracie and her husband Scott Phebus of Greeley, CO.; Derek Harper and his wife Cyndi of Windsor, CO.; Lizabeth and her husband Sam O'Connor of Keystone; and Daniel Nichols, presently in Gardez, Afghanistan; and nine great-grandchildren.

At the request of the family there will be no visitation. Cremation was chosen and there will be a Memorial Service on Wednesday, November 9, at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Chuck Rager officiating.

A memorial has been established to the First United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com.

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.