



Ruth Nielson

June 12, 1914 – December 13, 2012

Ruth Nielson, 98, formerly of Arthur and Ogallala, Nebr., died Thursday, December 13, 2012 in the Parkwood Nursing Home in Bedford, Texas.

Ruth was born June 12, 1914 in Hyannis, the daughter of Rufus and Ophelia (Brower) Haney. Her childhood was spent growing up on a ranch in Arthur County.

She attended high school in Arthur, graduating in 1931. Ruth attended Kearney State Teachers College and taught school for several years in Arthur County.



On June 4, 1936 Ruth married Don Nielson. The couple lived on a ranch in Arthur County until 1963 when they moved to Arthur and owned a grocery store for two years. They moved to Ogallala in 1969 for their retirement years.

An avid Bible reader, Ruth completed many Bible studies in her lifetime. She was a member of the Arthur Baptist Church for many years and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for 25 years. After moving to Ogallala, she became an active member of the First United Methodist Church and was the Sunshine Lady for many years.

When she was 80, Ruth moved to Bedford, Texas to be near her daughter. She lived at Parkwood Retirement community for eleven years. She enjoyed playing pinochle and loved to go to the entertainments and parties. Ruth then moved to Parkwood Healthcare, a skilled nursing facility.

Ruth's hobbies included letter writing, often sending several letters or cards every week. Her family will remember her as a devoted mother and grandmother. She was also a very caring person to everyone she met and had a deep compassion for helping those in need.

Preceding her in death was her husband Don in 1983, and grandsons Syd Nielson and Steve Nielson.

Survivors include her children: daughter Mary (husband Clark) McConnell of Hurst, Texas and her son Stan (wife Pat) Nielson of Lakewood, Colo. Five grandchildren: Shane (Patti) Nielson, Stuart (Kim) Nielson, and Stacy (Kerry) Ross, all of Lakewood, Colo.; Jeff (Pam) McConnell and Jason (Elizabeth) McConnell, all of Ft. Worth, Tex. Step- grandchildren: Lisa (Steve) Papke, Heather (Keven) Hollman, and Megan (Michael) Merson, and their families. Eight great-grandchildren: Brandi and Chelsea Strickland; Josh, Elise, and Mallory Nielson; Bailey and Carter Nielson; and Brittany (Steve) Ball. One Step-great-granddaughter Tiffany (Mike) Lippardt. One great-great- grandson Jeffrey Colt and step great-great-grandsons MJ and Dylan.

Her family will miss her dearly and we commend her spirit to heaven. "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy." Pro. 31:20

Visitation will be on Tuesday, December 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Wednesday, December 19, at 10 a.m. in Draucker Funeral Home with Rev. Chuck Rager officiating. A memorial has been established to the Ogallala First United Methodist Church. Interment is in the Arthur Cemetery.

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

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.