



Dorothy Tillson Welsh

February 25, 1927 – March 12, 2012

Dorothy Welsh, 85, longtime Ogallala resident, departed this life March 12, 2012 in Golden Ours Convalescent Home in Grant.

Dorothy Tillson Welsh was born February 25, 1927 on a ranch near Ravenna, Nebr. Her parents were Philo and Maude (Krause) Tillson. She came from one of the older pioneer families in this country as her Tillson ancestors came to America from England in 1638. Her childhood days were spent on the ranch helping take care of the animals, fishing, watching the wildlife and riding horseback along the Loup River with her cousin Chic Tillson. They rode to elementary school on horseback.



In 1941 Dorothy and her parents moved to the Ogallala area. She graduated from Ogallala High School in 1944 and taught rural school for two years. In 1946 Dorothy married James Welsh. The couple owned and operated Welsh's Men's Wear in Ogallala. In 1951 they moved to a farm northwest of Ogallala where they raised their three daughters. They later divorced.

Dorothy managed a small farm in Keith County. For many years she went camping and hiking in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Her hobbies included hunting, fishing, boating, and enjoying the outdoors with her children and grandchildren. She especially enjoyed painting wildlife and landscapes. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and always willing to help. In 1996 she was recognized as a fifty year member of the Ogallala Congregational Church.

She moved to Golden Ours Convalescent Home in 2009. Preceding her in death were her parents and a cousin Charles Tillson.

Survivors include her daughters: Sherry (Larry) Chandler of Brule, Cindy (Orlando) Torres of Brule, and Deb Welsh of Ogallala. Four grandsons: Jody Osborn of Wichita, Kan; Eddie Morrison, Jr. of Rapid City, South Dakota; Riley Chandler of Kearney; and Todd Chandler of Hastings. Four granddaughters: Anna Morrison of Rapid City, South Dakota; Rose Morrison of Hot Springs, South Dakota; Edie (Troy) Siddle of Sheridan, Wyoming; and Codi (Dale) O'Brien of Wallace, Nebraska; one sister Katharine Nelson of Harrisburg. Eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

The family chose cremation. There will be no viewing. A private family service will take place at a later date.

A memorial has been established to the Nebraska Children's Home of Omaha.

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