



Velma Ruth Randall

January 20, 1906 – April 21, 2012

Velma Randall, 106, longtime Ogallala resident, died Saturday, April 21, 2012 in Golden Ours Convalescent Home in Grant.

Velma Ruth Randall was born January 20, 1906 at her parents sod house south of Elsie, Nebraska, the daughter of Charles E. and Ruth F. (Plunkett) Skinner. As a young girl Velma received part of her early education at a rural school near Elsie. She moved with her family to Ogallala in 1918 where Velma also attended school and then later finished her schooling at Rupert, Idaho.



Velma resided for a short time in Wichita, Kan. before moving to Columbus, Ohio in 1925. She was employed as a supervisor for the D.L. Auld company which specialized in instrument panels for Cadillac automobiles. While residing in Columbus she met her future husband Ralph Randall. On June 22, 1929 she and Ralph were married in Circleville, Ohio. To this union five children were born. The family resided for a time in Columbus and later moved to a rural community east of Columbus until moving to Ogallala in 1949.

Mr. Randall began his own construction business known as Randall Home Improvements. Mrs. Randall worked at Good-All Mfg. Co. in a supervisory position until she retired in 1956 due to health problems.

She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her hobbies included traveling, flower gardening, sewing, reading and was an ardent Bible student for over 40 years.

Preceding her in death was her husband, an infant daughter, her parents, three sisters: Myrrel Sparks, Laura McKeag, and Opal Zimmerman; four brothers: Theo Skinner, Loren Skinner, Elvin Skinner, and Neal Skinner; a daughter-in-law Lorraine Randall; a son-in-law Richard Lehl, a grandson Timothy Randall; and three great-grandsons: Casey Harris, Michael Harris, and Griffin Randall.

Survivors include her children: Bonnie A. Harris, Nancy Lehl, Robert (Josephine), and Ronald (Myrtle), all of Ogallala.

Eleven grandchildren: Phillip Harris of Middletown, Conn.; Marcia Jensen of Beloit, Kan.; Kevin Randall of Oakdale, Cal.; Cindy (Vernon) Allen of Wheatland, Wyo.; Randy (Lana) Randall of Hammond, Wis.; Renee (Greg) Raffaeli of Hudson, Wis.; Shane (Lori) Randall of Roberts, Wis., Darin (Melanie) Randall of Amery, Wis.; Joseph (Robin) Randall of Ogallala; Ronda (Jeff) McLaughlin of Aurora, Colo.; Mary (Raul) Groo of St. George, Utah. Also 24 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family chose cremation. A memorial service will be Saturday, May 5, 2012, at 2 p.m. in the Ogallala Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. DeWayne Haines will officiate. Memorials have been established to Memorial Health Hospice of Ogallala and to the Ogallala Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

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