



Lareda Cronk Penas Hoback, 81 of Burwell, Ne., died January 13, 2016.

Memorial Services will be held February 13, 2016 at 1:30p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Burwell, Ne.

The oldest of 5 children, Lareda was born July 19th 1934 to Walter and Verna (Anderson) Cronk on the family farm northeast of Ord in Valley County. She attended District 13 Plain Valley Country Grade School thru 8th Grade, attending Ord Public Schools and graduating in 1952. While attending high school, she lived in town and worked for Dr. Osentowski for room and board while taking care of his children and household chores; later working as a Dental Assistant for the Doctor.

Married to Robert Penas on May 12, 1954 and to this union 2 children were born, Harold and Carole. During this marriage, Robert built, himself, and owned and operated the Burwell bowling alley, Hi Scores Lanes. They also farmed west of Burwell. After they moved to Grand Island and in her early thirties, Lareda attended Nursing School and became an LPN, working for 25 years at the Veterans Hospital in Grand Island, Nebraska. This is what prompted her to give her body to the Medical Center in Omaha for medical research.

After the death of Robert, she met and married Kenneth Hoback on May 24, 1998. After they built their dream dome home, she enjoyed having The Autumn Leaf Bed and Breakfast with husband Ken in Burwell. In later years, Lareda spent many hours volunteering for the Loup Rivers Scenic Byway and was instrumental in organizing the startup of the Nebraska Junk Jaunt.

Survivors include her husband Kenneth Hoback of Burwell, son Harold (Peggy) Penas of Colorado Springs, CO, daughter Carole (Kirk) Miller of San Jose, CA, and granddaughter Sarah Miller; sister Lenabelle Rowse of Grand Island, Ne., brothers Willis (Darcy) Cronk and Rolland (Marlene) Cronk both of Ord, Ne.; Uncle Millard (Fern) Anderson of Idaho with many nephews, nieces and cousins around the country and in Canada. Lareda was loved by all who crossed her path in life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Susan, and husband Robert Penas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or to the Nebraska Anatomical Board, UNO Medical Center.