

Lillian Mae Wood (Smith) 94 of Burwell left this earth July 11, 2016 at 3:40 A.M. She was born April 15, 1922 in Pittsburg Oklahoma to Grace and Lee Wood. She also attended school there.

She was a waitress in a small café in McCallister when she met her husband James Ray Smith. They exchanged vows on January 26th 1945. Jim was in the military service for many years and that included making their home in many different places. They finally put roots down in the Burwell area and began to raise their family.

Lillian became a nurse's aide at the Burwell nursing home where she found a passion to help those in need. She worked there for over 20 years. She was a member of the United Methodist Church since 1967 and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 49 years.

Lillian's hobbies included embroidery, word search puzzles, garage sales, slot machines, bingo, Atlanta Braves Baseball, Oklahoma Sooner Football, and deer hunting. She loved family get togethers with her famous fried chicken, mashed potatoes and made from scratch homemade pies. She loved watching her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren grow and play.

Lillian is preceded in death by her husband Jim, a son Butch, a daughter Patricia, a son-in-law George, her parents Grace and Lee Wood, and three brothers, Chester, Pete and JP Wood.

Lillian is survived by her daughter Sharon Chilewski of Burwell, son Larry Smith of Burwell, daughter Judy and husband Dave Warner of Ord, son Bill and wife Laurie Smith of O'Neill, son Terry and wife Marcie Smith of Burwell, daughter Tammy and husband Terry Redden of Kearney, brother Brady and wife Shirley Wood of Hartshorne Oklahoma, and brother Dave Wood of Denison TX., and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

She will forever be missed by all who knew her even if just for a short period of time.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2016 at the United Methodist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery. Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 – 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to the Burwell Fire Department.