

Frances Lenet Ballagh, 91, of Missoula, Montana formerly of Burwell, Nebraska died May 9, 2013 in Missoula.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., June 12, 2013 at the Untied Methodist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Inurnment will be in Banner Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Memorials are suggested to Burwell American Legion Post #298 or American's First. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell, Nebraska is in charge of arrangements.

Frances was born March 20, 1922 at Inez, Nebraska to Elmer and Mable (Gilman) Enbody. She was educated in a rural school and graduated in 1940 from Atkinson High School. After graduation she taught in a rural school.

Frances married James E. Ballagh on November 22, 1940. They lived on a ranch north of Burwell, Nebraska, where they ranched for 46 years. Three children were born to this union, Dennis James born August 26, 1944, Kenneth Roger born October 11, 1947 and Nancy Lynn born June 9, 1950.

After Jim died on August 5, 1986 Frances moved into Burwell. In 1999 she moved to Montana to be near her family.

Frances loved to read, knit, crochet, square dance and enjoyed flowers and was an enthusiastic card player. Frances wrote poetry and was often asked to write for some occasions in the community. Frances loved her family and was a devoted wife, loving mother and a doting grandmother.

Frances was a member of the Burwell United Methodist Church, Garfield Rebekah Lodge and the Willing Helpers Extension Club since 1941.

Frances is survived by two children, Ken and Linda Ballagh of Gardiner, Montana and Nancy and Ron VanLaningham of Florence, Montana. Six grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Three sisters; Mable Eggleston of Wheatland, Wyoming, Betty Winings of Atkinson, Nebraska and Estelle "Babe" Blomgren of Winlock, Washington.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son, Dennis three brothers, Warren Enbody, George Enbody and James Enbody and three sisters, Helen Bilstein and two as infants.