

Julia Margaret Holmes, 103, of Ord, Nebraska died August 24, 2013 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church in Ord, Nebraska. Burial will be in the Ord City Cemetery. Pastor Trever Rook will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 -8 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or the Ord Fire Department. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Julia was born May 22, 1910 in Garfield County, Nebraska to William and Pauline (Karty) Gregorski. She attended country school in Garfield County and graduated from the eighth grade.

Julia helped her dad farm. She was an outdoors person and farming was very important to her.

Julia married Ivan Leonard Holmes on September 8, 1932. They enjoyed raising Hereford cattle and farmed to provide for them. Julia and Ivan celebrated 60 years of marriage. Ivan died on May 26, 1993. Julia continued to live on the farm by herself until January of 2013.

She enjoyed making quilts, gardening, canning, flowers, chickens, playing cards, fishing and baking pies. Julia was a fabulous cook. Her recipes have been put into a family cook book. Julia also had a special cat named "Blacky".

Julia is survived by six children: Delores and Mervin Hornickel of Ord, Nebraska, Melvin and Arlene Holmes of Grand Island, Nebraska, Evelyn Brown of Kaycee, Wyoming, Shirley and Dean Johnson of Fullerton, Nebraska, LaVonne and Jerry Schmitt of Ord, Nebraska and Arlene and Gerald Johnson of Elba, Nebraska and twenty grandchildren, forty-four great-grandchildren and eleven great great-grandchildren.

Julia was preceded in death by her parents, husband, four brothers, Felix, Antone, Paul and Tom and seven sisters, Anna, Lucy, Victoria, Mary, Martha, Prekseda and Helen.