

Irene Katherine Hovorka, 90, of Burwell, Nebraska died July 13, 2013 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Burwell. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Fr. Mark Maresh will officiate. Visitation will be Monday from 5 – 7 p.m. at church with a Rosary at 6 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Burwell VFW Auxiliary. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Irene was born May 17, 1923 in Elyria, Nebraska to Joseph and Sophia (Kozeal) Bartusek.

Irene married Stanley E. Hovorka on September 5, 1944 in Grand Island, Nebraska. They lived near Burwell where Stan worked with his dad.

They later moved into Burwell. Then in the mid 1960's Irene and Stan bought the Westside Tavern and operated it for 22 years.

Irene was a member of Sacred Heart Church where she was active with the Sacred Heart Ladies. She was also a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Irene is survived by her daughter, Sharon Sipe of Jacksonville, Florida. Two grandchildren, Holli Sipe and Jon and Christie Sipe and two great-grandchildren, Jon, Jr. and Kaitlynn Sipe all of Jacksonville, Florida. One sister, Florence Bartusek of California.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, husband Stan, son-in-law, Art Sipe, brothers, John Bartusiak, Ben Bartusek and Ted Bartusek and sisters, Clara Parkos, Evelyn Harris and Bernice Hovorka.