

Leah Leona White, 107, of Burwell, Nebraska died August 7, 2014 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 11, 2014 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Alan Petersen will officiate. Visitation will be Sunday from 5 -7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to the Community Memorial Health Center.

Leah was born June 26, 1907 to Thomas Edwin and Anna (Shulz) Owen in their sod home in Garfield County, Nebraska. Leah was very proud of her pioneer heritage and some of her fondest memories were of the years spent growing up on the homestead.

She graduated from Burwell High School in 1926 with a teaching certificate, and taught one year. She married Clarence White in 1927 and they spent the next forty one years on their farm. While on the farm they raised three sons, Russell, Cecil and Darrell. Leah loved living in the country, growing things and tending animals. In 1968 she and Clarence moved to Grand Island where they lived until Clarence passed away February 13, 1989. She worked in care homes for fifteen years while in Grand Island. Her special hobby after retirement was her large doll collection. After Clarence died, she moved back to Burwell. Leah was a loyal servant to God wherever she lived.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Anna Owen, her husband, Clarence White, six brothers, Ellis, Harley, Elmer, Andy, Stanley, and Raymond Owen, four sisters, Ona Jensen, Viola Logerberg, Edna Schillo, and Norma Leach. One son, Cecil White and one grandson, Rick White.

Leah is survived by two sons, Russell and Emma Mae White of Loveland, Colorado and Darrell and Fay White of Burwell, Nebraska. Five grandchildren, Warren White of Hereford, Texas, Wayne White of Burwell, Nebraska, Weylon and Allison White of Bennington, Nebraska, Wanda and Todd Eberle of Broken Bow, Nebraska and Dennis White of Loveland, Colorado, seventeen great-grandchildren and six great great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.