



Gertrude Frances "Sally" Edghill was born on April 12, 1923 to John and Lola Nichols in Smith Center, Kansas and went to be with her Savior on February 11, 2018. She grew up on the ranch north of Bartlett. She and her brother, Carl, and sister Margaret attended their country school and rode their horse, Babe, which found Sally being the youngest in the ditch many times because the horse was afraid of its own shadow. She graduated from Wheeler County High School 1939 and married Merle on February 5, 1941 in Neligh, Nebraska. To this union was born two daughters, Betty and Janet.

While Merle served in WWII Sally worked at the Ordinance plant in Grand Island. Merle and Sally lived most of their married lives in Burwell where they owned the variety store and later Merle's Garage. Sally worked for many years at the Burwell Livestock Market, bookwork for Merle and sold tickets for the Rodeo.

She was organist and pianist for over 25 years and held many positions throughout the church. She had a heart for being God's servant and played for many funerals, weddings and other services. Her gift was hospitality and you never left her home without eating. Pies and caramel rolls were Sally's baking specialties. Every Friday she took a pie or two to the Senior Center where she engaged in fellowship with friends. The grandkids loved her caramel rolls and would request them many times. Many Sunday's Merle and Sally opened their home to friends and family for fellowship.

For many years Merle and Sally would spend time in Arizona and California with friends and family and especially enjoyed when Betty and Janet would visit.

Sally enjoyed their grandkids visits whether it was her sliding down a slide, climbing a tree or tubing down the river with them. Many years later she ran the shuttle to pick up grandchildren and great grandchildren from the river. She enjoyed attending their piano recitals, many ball games and later her great grandkids hockey, basketball and soccer games, dance recitals and gymnastics performances. She was also her family's best prayer warrior.

Sally is survived by her two daughters, Betty and husband Dean Bragg, and Janet Lundgren all of Omaha. Her four grandchildren, Sara Freeman (Jeff) of Topeka, KS, Kirk Bragg (Jennifer) of Liberty MO, Nathan Lundgren (Jennifer) and Brent Lundgren (Jennifer) all of Omaha. Eleven Great grandchildren, Katelyn, Braxton, Alex, Bella, Jackson, Berkley, Savannah, Maddox, Eli, Easton and Campbell. Her sister-in-law, Geneva Edghill of Ord and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Merle, her brother, Carl and sister, Margaret, her son-in-law, Claire Lundgren and grandson Tyson Lundgren.

Due to a fall in 2016 Sally moved to Omaha to be near the girls.

Her love for the Lord was evident by her faithful and unconditional love for her family.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 19, 2018 at the United Methodist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery. Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Visitation will be Sunday from 5 – 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church.