



Evelyn D. Gideon, 91 of Burwell, Nebraska died May 2, 2017 at the Valley County Health Systems Hospital in Ord, Nebraska.

Funeral services will 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the United Methodist Church in Burwell. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 - 7 p.m. Friday at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to the American Legion Baseball or the United Methodist Church.

Evelyn Delores (Wells) Gideon was born March 3, 1926 in Sargent, Nebraska to Ray "Dude" and Isabelle Wells.

Born a country girl, Evelyn rode her horse Bill for 8 years to country school near Walworth, Nebraska. To go to high school in town she moved in with families in Sargent during the school week. Country families traded foodstuff from their farms to allow their kids to live with the town families and spend the weekends at home. She graduated from high school in 1943 from Sargent, Nebraska.

After high school mom stayed at the farm for a while and ended up getting a job in Broken Bow for a short stint. Then she came back to Sargent and got a job as a clerk at the post office.

She met my dad Melvin "Cash" Adren Gideon while on home from furlough serving in the United States Marine Corps during WWII.

After a long flamboyant chain of love letters, they were later married in the Lutheran church in Seattle, Washington April 28, 1945.

While Cash finished off his military duties, Evelyn took an office assistant job at a military base in Colorado Springs and another job at a military base in Cheyenne Wyoming. After dad's tour of duty was up, they then traveled back to Burwell, Nebraska to start their lives together in 1946 on the Al Shoemaker place where the present Calamus dam is.

Through ranching to construction, Evelyn raised 5 boys, Zane, Dave, Mel, Yohn and Matt. Which resulted in 15 grandchildren 27 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

Over the years Evelyn volunteered at the Methodist church, American Red Cross blood drives, Legion Auxillary, Cub Scouts Mom. Had part time jobs at the House of Fashion and Western store. She enjoyed playing bridge with the girls, reminiscing with her sisters, had numerous bowling trophies, loved traveling, antiqueing, fishing, boating, quilting, collecting, dancing, gardening, going to rodeos, getting her hair fixed, buying new shoes and purses, celebrating birthdays and christmas, and lots of sales. Her favorite pass time was enjoying the success of her husband, boys and grand kids in all their activites and sporting games, games and more games.

My mother will probably be most known for being a dedicated wife for 70 years, loving and caring mother, being the most unselfish person I have ever known and the ability to make everyone feel special! Good bye mom we all LOVE you!!!!

Evelyn is survived by five sons; Zane and Pat Gideon, Dave and Sandy Gideon, Mel and Jan Gideon, Yohn Gideon and Matt and Sara Gideon all of Burwell, Nebraska. Fourteen grandchildren, twentey-seven great grandchildren and three great great-grandchildren and a sister Iris Steinhoff of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Eveyn was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a grandson Wes Gideon, a great-grandson, Damon Nuttleman, three sister, Gladys Vanek, Margie Estes and Rose Perrin and a brother, Frank Wells.