



Ruth Amy Gurney, 102, of Burwell, Nebraska died June 8th 2016 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

Burial will be at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Rose Cemetery near Rose, Nebraska with funeral services at 11:00 a.m. at the Burwell Baptist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Visitation will be Friday from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Pastors Jeffrey Wohlfert and Jerry Schoenenberger will officiate.

Ruth Amy (Jordan) Gurney was born April 19, 1914 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska to Oral B. and Amy (Grover) Jordan, the second of their seven children. The family lived in several different parts of the state, moving to northern Loup County near the town of Ovitt, Nebraska in 1926. Later the family moved to southern Rock County east of Rose, Nebraska.

Ruth graduated from Rock County High School in Bassett, Nebraska, then obtained her teaching certificate and taught in rural Rock County.

On March 28, 1936 Ruth married Charles W. "Tam" Gurney. They lived and ranched together in southern Rock County until 1984 when they retired to a home in Burwell.

Ruth was a busy homemaker, raising a large garden each year and canning or freezing the produce. She was a good cook and provided meals for large groups with very little fuss. She also enjoyed sewing and crafts.

Ruth was a believer, a member of Burwell Baptist Church and known as an excellent Bible teacher. Her pupils ranged from small children in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School to neighbor women in Bible Studies. She was a member of the Gideons Auxiliary and served as President of the Nebraska chapter for one term. She and Tam were important parts of starting Nebraska Christian Schools in Central City. When the cook for the boarding school quit, she and other women took turns staying at the school for a week and providing excellent meals for the high school students and staff.

Ruth enjoyed telling stories about past happenings, especially the funny ones. She loved to make others laugh, even if the joke was on herself.

Survivors include one daughter Carol (Charles) Childerston of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a son Stan (Olive) Gurney of Burwell, Nebraska. Seven grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren and seven great great-grandchildren, a brother Royce (Lola) Jordan of Ainsworth, Nebraska and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Tam, 2 infant baby boys, two sisters Alice Diehlman, and Dorothy Jordan, and three brothers, Grover Jordan, Willis Jordan and Tod Jordan.