

Joyce Wilma Rumbaugh, 80, of Burwell, Nebraska, died June 5, 2013 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, 2013 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Burwell, Nebraska, followed by burial at Cottonwood Cemetery. Pastor Alan Petersen will officiate. Visitation will be Friday from 5 – 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials to the First Congregational Women's Fellowship are suggested.

Joyce was born December 18, 1932 in Seward, Nebraska to Walter and Esther (Clark) Anderson. She graduated from Beaver Crossing High School in 1950 and Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1954. Joyce married Ben Meckel in 1954. While Ben attended medical school in Omaha, Joyce worked as an executive assistant for an insurance agency. They moved to Burwell in 1959. Joyce and Ben had two sons, Ben and Clyde, and were later divorced. In 1967 Joyce took a position as an administrative assistant in the law office of Leo F. Clinch (later Clinch and Crandall Law Office), a position she would hold for 40 years until illness forced her to retire in 2007.

Joyce married Harry Rumbaugh in 1975. He died February 7, 1997.

Joyce was a member of the First Congregational Church, PEO, Eastern Star, Domestic Science Club, and Prairie Patchwork Quilt Guild. She served on the Housing Authority and the District 15 school board. She also enjoyed playing bridge.

Joyce is survived by two sons, Ben (Joann) Meckel of Burwell, Nebraska, and Clyde (Susan) Meckel of Lincoln, Nebraska. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Harry.