

Mildred Jacquetta Fales, 86, of Burwell, Nebraska died May 5, 2012 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 10, 2012 at the Burwell Assembly of God Church. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery. Pastor Dave Busch will officiate. Visitation will be Wednesday from 5 – 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to the family or the Burwell Assembly of God Church.

Mildred was born to John Phillip and Nora Bell (Campain) Lewis on June 6, 1925 in Loup County. She was the youngest of 15 children. She attended school at Kent and Taylor.

On April 24, 1943, she married Wayne Loren Fales at her parents' home in the Kent Community near Taylor. They lived on the Fales family homestead ranch near Almeria. While there, their daughter, Janice Lorraine, was born. They moved into Taylor for a few years, then to a farm northeast of Ord where they lived when son, Norman Dale, was born. They lived and farmed east of Burwell for seven years before purchasing their farm in 1956 at Kent. In 1988 they bought their house in Burwell where she lived until going to Community Memorial Health Center in November 2010.

Mildred was always a hard worker and willing to pitch in anywhere she could help. As a housewife she raised a big garden and did a lot of canning. Teens enjoyed raiding their large watermelon patch. Along with milking cows she did chores with bucket calves, chickens, pigs, sheep, washing the cream separator daily, and working in the hayfield. She would sew, patch, and make homemade soap. Mildred was a great cook and outstanding baker. She never let anyone leave hungry. She kept the tradition of Suet Pudding every holiday and made a cake for everyone's birthday. All the grandkids got to blow out the candles again and again. She loved Christmas giving and saw that grandkids each had many packages while keeping everyone treated equally. She played a big part in raising her grandchildren. They enjoyed it when she took six grandkids (ages 3-8) camping at Victoria Springs by herself for two nights. Her family depended on her and she was always there. In May 1975 she started working at the Burwell Curler Factory. When the factory closed, in 1980, she began working for the Mid Nebraska Individual Services in Ord where she worked until six days before her 81st birthday in June of 2006. Mildred enjoyed that job because she had a special ability for care giving. Mildred was a member of the Assembly of God Church, Kent Korner Club, and a 4-H leader for many years.

Survivors include her daughter, Janice Hulinsky of Burwell; her son Dale (Teresa) Fales of Taylor; eight grandchildren: Pamela (Matt) Davis of Waverly, Vicki (Craig) Mauler of Sargent, Kevin (Cheryl) Hulinsky of Elm Creek, Allen (Vedah) Fales of Broken Bow, Dwayne (Lynette) Fales of Ord, Jerry (Megan) Fales of Kearney, Sam (Sandy) Fales of Anselmo, Rusty (Felecia) Patrick of Burwell, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Wayne in March 2007; nine sisters: Violet Berkheimer, Della Beckett, Pearl Matousek, Marie Harris, Iva Janitscheck, Etta Lewis, Retta Lewis as and infant, Alma Payton, Fern Janitscheck, and five brothers: Albert, Earl, Lawrence, Ervin, and Robert.