

Edna Boll, 92

Feb. 16, 1918 - Aug. 29, 2010

WALNUT — Edna Alma Boll was born on February 16, 1918, the tenth of thirteen children born to Adam and Emma (Messerschmidt) Kiesel on a farm southwest of Avoca. She was baptized and confirmed at Shelby Lutheran Church in Shelby and later joined Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut. At the age of 11, she went to live with her brother Elmer to help raise his family until she married. She did not know how to cook but soon learned with the help of Elmer. She graduated with the Class of 1937 from Shelby High School and continued to wear her class ring throughout her life.



September 18, 1946, Edna was united in marriage to Melvin Boll in Papillion, NE. Four children were born to this union: Richard, Janice, Donna, and Milton. She worked at the Cannery in Harlan for a short time. She helped her husband on the farm, even trying to learn how to drive the tractor. In 1949, they moved south of Walnut and then eventually to the current farmstead. The couple farmed 160 acres of land, milked up to forty cows, raised hogs, cattle, and chickens, and sold cream and eggs. Edna and Melvin celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in September of 1996, one year before Melvin's death in October of 1997. Edna loved cooking and baking for her family and friends. She baked something nearly every day. Pies were her specialty. Since 1997, she hosted the annual family Christmas cookie bake at her home. In 2009, they made 847 cookies! Being with family, especially her great-grandchildren, made the day special. Her hobbies included spending time with her great-grandchildren, playing cards, puzzle books, gardening and taking care of her flowers, watching the cardinals and the black squirrel, and playing bingo. She made several quilts, crocheted many afghans, and embroidered many kitchen towel sets that she shared with her family. She could always find something to keep her busy! Edna died on Sunday, August 29, 2010, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having attained the age of ninety-two years, six months, and thirteen days.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Melvin, son Richard, and brothers and sisters: Lydia, Elmer, Edwin, Walt, Ernest, Hilda, Helen, Celia, Elsie, Carl, Clarence, and Clara. She is survived by her children: Janice and her husband Gene Wilwerding of Harlan, Donna Boll of Walnut, and Milton Boll and his wife Dianne of Walnut; four grandchildren: Michelle Ellerbeck, Mark Wilwerding and his wife Kiran, Tim Boll and his wife Stacey, and Brenda and her husband Kevin Shannon; four great-grandchildren: Jenna and Derek Ellerbeck, Shovey Chisti, and Kendra Shannon; other family members and friends.

Pastor Donna Ewert officiated the 10:30 AM funeral service on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut. Honorary casket bearers were Michelle Ellerbeck, Brenda Shannon, Stacey Boll, Kiran Wilwerding, Don Kiesel, Merle Kiesel, Doug Kiesel, Darrell Kiesel, Mildred Rosenow, and Bev Peterson. Serving as casket bearers were: Tim Boll, Mark Wilwerding, Rod Rosenow, Neil Ciechowski, Kevin Shannon, and Gene Wilwerding. Interment was held in the Shelby Cemetery.



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