

## Sylvia A. Burton, 95

Jan. 18, 1906 - Nov. 29, 2001

**ELK HORN** – Sylvia Alwilda was born to William and Elizabeth Ramsey Jan. 18, 1906, on a farm near Prosser, NE. She graduated from Kenesaw High School then attended John Fletcher College in Iowa and Kearney State Teachers College in Nebraska. She taught country school near Hastings for two years.

During that time she met Vernon W. Burton who was attending Business College in Hastings at that time. They were married March 25, 1928. They made their home on a farm near Wellfleet, NE. To this union four children were born, Arnold, Inez, Robert and Vera Grace. In 1946, they left the farm and moved their family to Colorado Springs, CO, where they soon became very active in Bethany Baptist Church. For nine summers during the 1950's, Sylvia worked as the head cook at Black Forest Baptist Camp. This is the only time she worked outside the home. March 25, 1978, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and in 1988, they celebrated their 60th anniversary. In January of 1991, Vernon W. Burton died leaving Sylvia a widow at age 85. She made her home with her daughter, Inez, in Omaha from 1995 until she entered Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, in 1999. In 1997, her home of 38 years was sold. She continued to maintain contact with many of her friends at Bethany. She died at Salem Lutheran Home Nov. 29, 2001, at age 95.

She was the last surviving sibling of seven children. She is survived by 54 descendants; her children, Arnold Burton of Colorado Springs, CO; Inez Finkel of Omaha, NE; Robert Burton (Bonnie) of Irwin and Vera Grace (Don) Moore of Ft. Collins, CO; 15 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren.

Prayer services were held Dec. 1, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Gundar Lamberts presiding. Funeral services were conducted by the Swan-Law Funeral Home Dec. 5, 2001, at the Bethany Baptist Church in Colorado Springs, CO. The officiant was Rev. Tom Wheeler with an eulogy read by Dr. Don Wikoff. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs, CO, with Doug Burton, Joshua Moore, Michael Moore, Jim Moore, Mark Moore and David Lorenc casket bearers. •

