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Mabel E. Wilken, 86

May 14, 1908 - Sept. 2, 1994

Weslaco, TX - Mabel, daughter of Otto and Mary Behneman Wilken was born May 14, 1908 at rural Westside. She graduated from the Westside High School in 1926 and then went on to nurses training at St. Catherine Hospital in Omaha, becoming a Registered Nurse. Her chosen career as a nurse took her to locations in NY, OH, and Harlan, followed by retirement in Weslaco, TX. She died Sept. 2, 1994 at Weslaco, TX at age 86.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Mary Wilken; a sister Ruth Wilken Schoesler and a brother, Armour Wilken. Survivors include a brother, Hubert Wilken (Rowene) of Westside; and sisters: Margo Wilken Schuman (Eugene) of Glidden and Weslaco, TX, and Evelyn Wilken Evans Groff (Ernest) of Des Moines, and a sister-in-law, Helen Wilken of Omaha, NE, along with many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Memorial Service was held at the United Church of Westside in Westside Sept. 18, 1994.