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Fern Tucker - Jewell, KS

Fern Tucker, 93, formerly of Ionia, KS passed away in Mitchell County Hospital , Beloit , KS on May 22, 2011. She was born Feb. 4, 1918 to Walter & Nannie Reece of rural Mankato, KS. She attended & graduated in 1937 from Mankato school. She moved with her family to Fruitland, Idaho and married Arthur Lyon in 1938. Born to this union were Cody Lyon and Sharon (Lyon) Snook.

Fern worked in an airplane factory during WWII. She worked in various restaurants, and later owned two of them. Her husband, Arthur, was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1983.

After re-connecting with her first love, she married Buford Tucker of Ionia on May 25, 1985. They resided and spent many happy years in Ionia. She was very active in church and community activities. She enjoyed and gave away many quilts to missionaries, family & friends.

Fern was preceded in death by her 1st husband, parents, 7 brothers & sisters—Ray, Elmer, Donald, “Brother”, Ruth, Beulah, Faye and a granddaughter Candi Lyon.

She is survived by husband, Buford Tucker, Beloit ; son Cody Lyon of Ionia; daughter Sharon Snook, Caldwell , Idaho; 2 step daughters-Judy Falk & husband Leon of Harveyville, KS and Connie Smith & husband Jim of Kansas City, KS; 6 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren & numerous step great-grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren & numerous step great-great grandchildren, many friends and family. She will be missed greatly.

Visitation will be Tuesday, May 24th from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Kleppinger Funeral Home, 409 Broadway, Jewell, KS who are handling arrangements.

Memorials may be given to Alzheimer's' Association.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, May 25th at 1:30 p.m. at the Jewell Assembly of God Church. Burial & graveside service will be at a later date in Payette, Idaho.