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Nell Burnham

Beloit-----Nell Burnham, 97, formerly of Jewell, KS , was born July 5, 1916 to Henry and Nora Smith in Overbrook, KS. She had two siblings, sister Alberta and a brother Clark.

She attended country school in the Overbrook area. As a child, her family lived on the farm. She rode horses and gardened. She enjoyed cooking and canning. She continued her love of cooking, especially making her famous lemon meringue pie for guests coming to visit.

Nell always looked forward to her nephews and families coming to visit, and what she could prepare for them. Nell enjoyed playing bridge, and sometimes would play several days a week. She had many friends, especially her little group of ladies around the Hilltop Apartments. She enjoyed thinking of something special to serve at her house when it was her turn to host.

Nell had the best sense of humor and her cute little laugh, would just make you smile or laugh with her.

In November 1963, she married Joe Burnham, in Overbrook, KS. They were married 50 years last November and had a celebration with family and friends.

They lived in Lawrence, Ks the early part of their marriage. Nell worked in a furniture store there. They built a home on Lake Perry, where she enjoyed watching and feeding birds, and entertaining friends and family that came to visit. Nell had a great love of animals, especially all of her dogs, which however are too many to name.

When Joe retired, they moved to Jewell, KS. They traveled in their motor home and wintered in Alamo, Texas . Nell moved to Hilltop Lodge in July 2012, when her health began to fail. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Preceding her in death were her parents, sister and brother. She leaves to mourn, but celebrate her life are: her husband Joe of the home; nephews—Ron & Mary Anderson, Gary & Mary Anderson, Steve & Debbie Smith, Terry & Kathy Smith, Dean Smith and families; God-grandchildren: Lindsay Rut, Lacey Miller, Blake Burks; a great-God child Londyn Neeve Miller (named after Nell); special friends Richard & Melissa Burks; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be at the Trinity Methodist Church in Jewell at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 5, 2014 with visitation in the basement immediately following the service. There will be a private burial at a later date. Memorials may be given to Post Rock Humane Society—Beloit. Kleppinger Funeral Home, 409 Broadway, Jewell, KS 66949 is handling the arrangements.