

## *A Farmers Wife*



More precious than rubies,  
She enriched his life.  
She toiled with her hands,  
Using music with blithe.

A baker, a seamstress,  
an artist deluxe.  
A doctor, a barber,  
She jumped to the crux.

Raising wheat, corn and children,  
She made the grade  
What couldn't be bought  
would have to be made.

She spoke praise and encouragement  
To all those she knew  
Her weekly highlight  
Was her spot in the pew.

Writing letters, making phone calls,  
She regularly did  
She clung to her Master  
When grief rose unbid.

Living life on the farm  
Raising children she loved  
Not much she couldn't do,  
She regularly proved.

Never boastful or proud  
She endured life's stings.  
A farmers wife, but  
daughter of The King.

- Rhonda Fortenberry (for my mom)

Funeral Service  
McPherson church of Christ  
McPherson, KS  
Monday, May 6, 2024, at 11:00 AM

*In Loving Memory*

CELEBRATING A LIFE

Officiant  
Kenny Graham

Congregational Singing  
"A Beautiful Life"  
"Victory in Jesus"  
"There's Within My Heart A Melody"  
Randy Ellwood, song leader  
"Jesus Loves Me" by great-grandchildren

Final Resting Place  
Windom Cemetery  
Windom, KS

Pallbearers  
Derek Ellwood ~ Justin Prindle ~ Joshua Prindle  
Kyler Bergkamp ~ Tristan Block  
Steve Adams ~ Zach Newton ~ Justin Newman

Honorary Pallbearers  
Dallas Meek ~ Gary Meek ~ Rex Meek  
David Johnson ~ Jesse Meek

Memorial Donations  
Memorial donations may be given to Sandstone  
Heights Nursing Home, Little River, KS.

Appreciation  
The Ellwood family wishes to express sincere  
appreciation for your prayers and kindness, evidenced  
in thought and deed, and for your presence at this  
service.

*Stockham Family Funeral Home*



*A Celebration of Life*  
**Della M. (Meek) Ellwood**  
July 13, 1935 - April 25, 2024







Della Meek, 1952

# Memories

*Della Mae (Meek) Ellwood, 88 of Windom, KS, passed away Thursday, April 25, 2024, at Sandstone Heights Nursing Home. Della was born July 13, 1935, at home in McPherson County, KS, the daughter of Jesse and Rose Meek of Windom, KS. Della was united in marriage to Galland E. Ellwood on September 1, 1953. This union was blessed with four children.*

*Survivors include three children: Randall (Randy) Ellwood (Nancy), Rhonda Fortenberry, Krystal (Krysti) Bergkamp (Jason), all of Windom, KS; nine grandchildren: Derek Ellwood (Megan), Leslie Block (Tristan), Jenna Adams (Steve), Callie Newman (Justin), Justin Prindle (Krista), Josh Prindle (Michelle), Jamie Newton (Zach), Jaylie Bergkamp, Kyler Bergkamp; ten great-grandchildren: Kate, Addyson, Jordyn, Isla, Andrew, Kamdyn, James, Acelee, Brecklyn, and Rory; numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces whom she loved.*

*She was a longtime member of the Windom community and the Windom church of Christ.*

*She was preceded in death by her husband, Galland E. Ellwood, son, Michael (Mike) Ellwood (1954-1966), her parents, Jesse and Rose Meek, her sons-in-law, Nick Prindle and David Fortenberry, her great-grandson, Calum Block, and all her siblings and their spouses, Lawrence, Gene, Inez, and Carl.*

## Grandma Della

*Della grew up in rural Windom. The Youngest of 5 children, she was affectionately called "Baby" by her daddy all his life. She attended Alpha country school before coming to Windom. In high school, she was active in cheerleading, learning to become a homemaker, and met her lifetime sweetheart, Galland. They married while he was on leave from the Army, September 1, 1953.*

*Della and Galland finished his Army career together in Louisiana, and moved back to Windom to farm. Their first home was a little place across the road from where they lived their final years. It had no indoor plumbing. She had 3 babies there, and hosted many family gatherings. They moved from that place in 1963, to the "big house" on the highway. It must have been an incredible relief to have more room and indoor plumbing. Della enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing, and gardening. All of those done while singing. She loved to sing. She loved hymns but also the old cowboy songs. She serenaded the nursing home frequently, with all these songs still in her mind. She was a farmer's wife, and bravely complied with all that meant. Meals brought to the field, gate opener and closer, calf feeder and doctor. She raised chickens for eggs, and to butcher. Helped move equipment. Plus, all the other duties as mother, cook, seamstress, taxi, and teacher. Della was an accomplished artist and her children and grandchildren are thankful recipients of her talent. All of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren loved Grandma's bread. She*

*faithfully made homemade bread every Saturday for decades. One pan of rolls for church potluck, 2 - loaf pans for toast at home...decades...every week. Yum! She hosted many family get togethers at that big house on the highway, creating cherished memories for all. While short of stature, she could stand off a 2,000 lb. bull with a sunflower stalk. She was not afraid to do what needed to be done.*

*Della loved her family. She especially loved children, and delighted in her grandchildren, and later her great-grandchildren. She loved her church family and frequently checked up on people. She loved her Kenny Graham. While Galland might occasionally question Kenny's lessons, Della had them recorded and played them over and over. She was Kenny's number one fan and cheerleader. Church was always the highlight of her week. Della loved people.*

*The loss of her first born child, Mike, was a devastating life event, but her faith remained strong and grew deeper. She longed to see her Savior face to face, and to see her own son again. She studied the Bible all her adult life, and was a wonderful example of the Proverbs 31 woman. What a legacy for us all.*

