

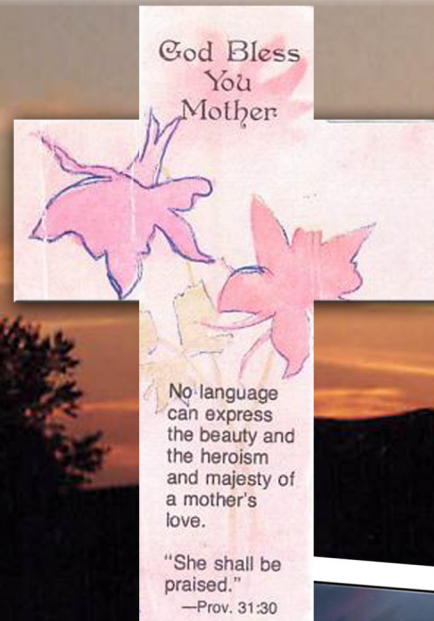
Ella Irene Arnell was born in rural slope county to Glen and Ruth (Hanson) Erickson. She grew up on the family farm near Sunset Butte south of Rhame. Ella attended Sunset Butte Rural School before graduating from Bowman County High School. She attended Dickinson State Teachers college and began her teaching career at Woodberry elementary rural school north of Scranton and later taught at Crawford school north of Rhame. It was during this time that Ella met Hilding Arnell and the two were married on August 20, 1959 at Mound Church north of Rhame. The couple was blessed with five children, LaNae, Connie, Curt, Rhonda, and Vicki. After working on ranches in North Dakota the family eventually settled in Baker, MT, where Ella has made her home ever since. Ella worked as a school secretary in the Baker elementary schools for over 36 years. Ella's life is best described as faith, family and friends. She was a faithful member of the Baker First Baptist Church, serving with her time, musical talent and willingness to teach Sunday school. Her family knew that Sunday was family day and kept all other commitments away so that they could spend the day as a family. Ella opened her home and dinner table up to any one that joined her family. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren held a special place in Ella's heart and she rarely missed any of their activities or school events. Ella had many talents and was eager to share them with her family and friends. She made crafts and sewing projects for grieving friends, painted dozens of paintings inspired by her instructor Bob Ross, and played the piano and sang in her women's quartet. Ella was the continual caregiver for her family, serving as the family nurse and doctor whenever possible. She will be remembered for her loving, calm patient demeanor by all those that knew her. She is survived by her children, LaNae (Kenny) Bretzel, Plevna, MT; Connie (Dean) Alberts, Plevna, MT; Curt (Tammy) Arnell, Baker, MT; Rhonda Hodges, Hixson, TN; Vicki (Ricky) Brown, Plevna, MT; and siblings, Phyllis Watts,

Rapid City, SD; Dennis (Shari) Erickson, Baker, MT; Muriel Getz, Rhame, ND; grandchildren, Jenna Bretzel; Brayden (Patty) Bretzel; Shasta VanMatre; Danny (Brett) Alberts; Mandi (Toby) Arnold; Kyle (Tisha) Alberts; Derek (Shawanna) Arnell; Dalton (Rebecca) Arnell; Dallas Arnell; Kevin (Kecia) Hodges; Krista (Luke) Hargrove; Malachai (Bekah) Buti; Jalissa Brown; Janaya Brown; and 19 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Hilding, and brother Harold Erickson, In-laws, Leone Erickson, Rodger Getz, Merle Watts and Elsie Malkowski.

In Loving Memory

Ella Arnell

February 11, 1939 - November 23, 2021



Ella Arnell

FUNERAL SERVICE:

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:00 am

First Baptist Church

Baker, Montana

PRAYER SERVICE:

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 6:00 pm

Stevenson Funeral Home

Baker, Montana

OFFICIATING:

Pastor James Parks

PALLBEARERS:

All of Ella's Grandchildren

INTERMENT:

St. Paul's Cemetery

Rhame, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home

Baker, Montana

*Lunch will be served at the church
following the funeral service.*

Everyone is welcome.



Mom

*You mean so much to me
More than words can ever say
No one else could take your place
For even a single day
From the earliest memories
Your love has always been there
Even when you scolded me
You were really saying "I care"
You've helped me through the bad times
And shared my joy in the good
You have given so much to me
As only a mother could
It's a precious gift from God
To have a mother like you
Because in your special love
I can see his love shine through.
Love you mom!*

Connie

