



## Bessie Wulf

November 21, 1917 - December 13, 2020

Bessie Wulf was born to Charles D. & Anastasia “Sadie” (Prachar) Nedza on November 21, 1917 at Tobias, Nebraska, and passed away on December 13, 2020, at Heritage Crossings Nursing Home in Geneva, Nebraska, at the age of 103 years and 21 days. She was one of 8 children born in the family.

Bessie was baptized and confirmed in May of 1944 at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Ohiowa and remained an active and faithful member the rest of her life.

Bessie attended school district 41 in Saline County through the 8th grade. As a young woman, she worked for the McCurdy Family and then went to work at the Geneva Hotel earning .50 per week.

Bessie met her husband, Arthur Wulf, at a dance in Tobias. They were married February 21, 1941, at Fairbury, Nebraska. Bessie and Arthur made their home on the family farm southwest of Ohiowa which was previously bought by the Henry Wulf family in 1901. It was here that they raised five children: Kathleen, Dorothy, Ronald, Robert (twins), and Patricia.

While raising her family, Bessie was always busy. She found time to be a 4-H leader for 10 years, belonged to Country Neighbors Extension Club, taught Bible School, and sewed for Lutheran World Relief. These were in addition to

being a farmer's wife, helping her husband with farm work and livestock, cooking, gardening, canning and baking. Bessie was a wonderful cook and her family especially enjoyed the kolache's and crescent rolls. She also was a skilled sewer, making many craft items for Christmas and many beautiful quilts, making sure each child and grandchild had one.

Bessie enjoyed music and loved square dancing, playing the accordion (button accordion), singing and yodeling. Bessie was self taught on the accordion and piano teaching herself to play by ear. In later years, she played in the 'Kitchen Misfit' band. They played at various local events and parades. Bessie also enjoyed writing and sending cards and letters to family and friends. At one time, Bessie had six pen pals from foreign countries.

In June of 2012, Bessie was Grand Marshal for Ohio's 125th Celebration.

Bessie truly enjoyed her family and attended as many activities as possible which included ball games, plays, concerts, weddings, graduations, and church programs.

Survivors include her three children Robert (Louise) Wulf of Ohio, Nebraska, Dorothy (Larry) Smith of Geneva, Nebraska, and Patricia Hosick of Cozad, Nebraska; daughter-in-law Phyllis Wulf of York, Nebraska; 16 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; and 13 great great grandchildren.

Bessie was preceded in death by her husband Arthur (1981); son Ronald Wulf (2014); daughter Kathleen Hoffmaster (2019); Sons-In-law Allan Hoffmaster (2016) and Randy Hosick (2012) grandson Darin Hoffmaster (2015); and great granddaughter Alicyn Hosick (2008). Bessie was the youngest and last of her siblings.

Bessie was a woman of strong faith and we were blessed to share her last

communion and hear her repeat the Lord's Prayer with us.

A Funeral Service for Bessie was held on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ohioa, Nebraska. PMA Jim Germer officiated the service. Nancy Craddock accompanied Gaylord Craddock in the singing of "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art." She also accompanied the congregation in the singing of "God Be With You Til We Meet Again" and "Joy To The World." Nancy Craddock and Kaye Mussman also provided special music with an instrumental version of "Silent Night" on the pianos.

Pallbearers for the service included Troy Hoffmaster, Duane Hoffmaster, Terry Hoffmaster, Aaron Wulf, Brian Wulf, Douglas Smith, Travis Hosick and Trent Hosick. Honorary pallbearers included Darin Hoffmaster, Tyron Hoffmaster, Donald Smith, Daryl Smith, Barbara Hunt, Sandi Pickrel, Michelle Sinsel, Cheryl Broman, and Shellie Meyer.

A Graveside Service was held in the Ohioa Public Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com)

Memorials are suggested to the St. John's Lutheran Church or the Ohioa Fire Department.

# Cemetery Details

## Ohiowa Public Cemetery

Ohiowa  
NE, NE 68416

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ *My thoughts are with the entire Wulf family. Bessie was a wonderful person and I am grateful to have known her growing up in Ohio.* ”



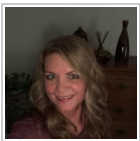
Amy Craddock - December 18, 2020 at 05:54 PM



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Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 18, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ *Carol Best lit a candle in memory of Bessie Wulf* ”



Carol Best - December 17, 2020 at 07:19 PM

JC

“ My maternal grandmother was Hattie Prachar Aksamit of Wilber. Bessie was the last of my grandmother's first cousins. Please accept my condolences.

Judy Cantrell - December 17, 2020 at 08:44 AM

CN

“ Charla N. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Bessie Wulf.



Charla N. - December 16, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bessie was a kind and wonderful lady who always welcomed me when I would stay overnight with Pat during my elementary years. Many good memories I will never forget. Thoughts and prayers to the Wulf family.



Linda Schelbitzki Newell - December 15, 2020 at 08:07 AM

SD

I agree with my sister Linda. Bessie was always a kind and gentle lady. Always admired her for raising so many good children.

Sinda Dux - December 15, 2020 at 01:14 PM

CG

*Bessie was always a friendly, positive and helpful woman toward our family. After reading her obituary, I'm astounded by her creativity, talents and achievements over her long life. Many blessings to her family and*

*May her spirit live on. 💕*

*Carol Grace Schelbitzki*

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**Carol Grace** - January 21, 2022 at 07:33 AM

BR

“ *Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of Bessie Wulf*



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**Bonnie Rippe** - December 14, 2020 at 09:03 PM