



## Dorothy M. "Chaddie" Brooke

April 18, 1916 - January 1, 2015

Funeral services for Chaddie will be held on Monday, January 5, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva.

Graveside services will follow the funeral in the Geneva Public Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva.

Memorials are directed to the family for later designation.

Dorothy Mae Chadderdon Brooke "Chaddie" was born to Ellis Howard Chadderdon and Clara Mae Stone Chadderdon on April 18, 1916 in Garcia WA in a depot and passed away January 1, 2015 at Heritage Crossing in Geneva NE at the age of 98 years 8 months and 17 days. She was one of 5 children in the family.

Her family moved several times and settled in Rayville, LA. She graduated from Rayville High School in 1933. She then rode a train to Lincoln, NE and stayed with her grandmother while she attended Nebraska Wesleyan. The second year she moved in to the sorority house and there were 5 Dorothy's in her sorority, thus they nicked-named her Chaddie which stuck for a life time.

In 1936 she got a teaching job in Geneva and she taught 4th grade for four years. A farmer named John Brooke became interested in her. At that time, you could not teach and be married. So, after John and Chaddie were married in 1940, she settled into the role of a farmer's wife, helping feed cattle and driving the truck during harvest.

They were blessed with two children: Pat and Dick, five grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Family was extremely important to Chaddie. She loved when her grandchildren and great grandchildren would come for a visit.

Chaddie was a teacher at heart. After her kids were in school, she substitute taught for the next 20 years in all areas except superintendent and maintenance. After she and John retired and started spending their winter months in Texas, she continued with her teaching. She taught English through a Catholic organization to Hispanic women.

She was an active member of PEO for 60 years and a member of the United Methodist Church for 74 years.

Chaddie was an avid volunteer who loved helping people. She gave her time to Heritage, YRTC, the Heart Hospital in McAllen, Texas, and Fillmore County Hospital Lifeline.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; 1 brother, 2 sisters, 2 infant sons and 1 infant granddaughter.

Chaddie is survived by her daughter, Pat and husband Dick Nelson of Geneva; son Richard and Sharon Brooke of Geneva; sister Betty King of Ferriday, LA, grandchildren: Max and Sherry Nelson of Phoenix, AZ, Becky and Jeff Lindquist of Lincoln, Kim and Hector Ortiz of Phoenix, AZ, Chris Brooke of Winston Salem, NC, Heather and Sean Newby of Winston Salem,

NC; Great grandchildren: Dane and Jocelyn Nelson, Brooke and Luke Lindquist, Charlie Ortiz, Tierra, Jada and Jasmine Todd; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To the family Mrs. Brooke*

*I will always remember the Friday music classes at Geneva Grade School during the 50's, when Mrs. Brooke's had square dance classes for all the grades for the music class. She taught us a lot about square dancing but also manners. Really enjoyed those classes. Sorry for your loss of a great lady.*

*Pam (Clark) Schroeder '62*

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**Pam (Clark) Schroeder** - January 05, 2015 at 12:41 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. "Chaddie" Brooke.*



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January 03, 2015 at 05:08 PM



“ *Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. "Chaddie" Brooke.*



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January 03, 2015 at 02:06 PM



“ I was so sorry to learn of Caddie's passing. She was such a sweet and very classy lady! I fondly recall our many visits and will treasure them. I remember one time when I told her that I had seen an outfit at Cumberlands that reminded me of her. The next day I went to work she stopped me and said to me "Thanks alot, because of you, I just spent lots of money and bought the outfit!" Then she smiled her sweet smile! She will truly be missed. There is a new bright star in the heavens ! My thoughts and prayers are with you all! Karen Nunns

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**Karen Nunns** - January 03, 2015 at 08:31 AM



“ Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. "Chaddie" Brooke.



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January 02, 2015 at 10:49 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I have so many wonderful memories of Chaddie. What a wonderful and special lady. May God bless you all during this difficult time and grant you peace.

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**jenny glenn** - January 02, 2015 at 07:02 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of the loss of my "birthday twin." What a special lady--so gracious and with such a positive attitude. May all of the wonderful memories of her long life and family times shared be a comfort at this time. She touched many lives during her lifetime, and she will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

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**Deb Bixby** - January 02, 2015 at 01:48 PM