



## Eunice M. Stuckey

April 30, 1921 - March 31, 2014

Funeral services for Eunice will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ in Geneva. Pastor Bill Switzer will be officiating the services. Burial will follow the funeral services and will be held in the Grafton Cemetery. Visitation for Eunice will be Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family present from 4-6:00 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva. Memorials are directed to the 1st Congregational Church of Christ, Grafton Cemetery, or the Grafton Rescue Unit. Eunice Mae (Chudomelka) Stuckey was born the second of three children to Edward Thomas Chudomelka and Emily Catherine (Vosacek) Chudomelka on April 30, 1921 in Dodge, Nebraska and passed away on March 31, 2014 at the Henderson Health Care Nursing Home in Henderson, Nebraska. She was 92 years, 11 months and 1 day old. Her father was a mechanic and worked for her grandfather, who owned Vosacek's Studebaker dealership in Dodge. In 1926 the family moved to a ranch South of Inman, Nebraska. Ed had grown up on a farm and was an excellent hard working farmer. Her mother, Emma, was raised in Omaha, but took naturally to farm life, raising chickens, gardening, and canning. All of these things were passed on to Eunice. Eunice's fondest memories are of life spent on the ranch. She enjoyed telling stories of riding the horses, herding the cows, and wandering around the meadows picking flowers and berries. It was an idyllic time for her and her sister Arna. Unfortunately the bank closed during the depression and they lost the ranch. They then moved to a farm near Venus, Nebraska. The

farm was located near the Verdigrée river drainage area across the valley from the Ash Falls Museum and State Park. Once again, despite the difficulties her parents faced she had fond memories of farm life in a most beautiful setting. Once again the bank closed and the farm was lost. The family moved back to Inman where father started a business as an auto, tractor, and truck mechanic. He opened a Texaco gas station on Highway 20. The girls mixed the concrete for the station that was built and the building still stands today. Ed and Emma became well known for this service station along highway 20 between Chadron and Sioux City, which they operated until Ed's passing in 1968. Eunice graduated from Inman High School in 1938 and then received her teaching certificate after attending Wayne State College for 2 years. She taught in small country schools for several years and in 1944 took a teaching post in O'Neill, Nebraska teaching 4th grade. In 1947 she moved to Grafton to begin teaching High School where she met her husband Dean. They married on May 26, 1949 and to this union 4 boys were born. She became a full time homemaker and farm wife working with farm equipment, raising calves and pigs and also continued working as a substitute teacher. Tragedy struck the family in 1971, when her son Kevin was severely injured in an automobile accident that resulted in a traumatic brain injury. She remained with him constantly during the five months it took to get him to be able to walk again. Her perseverance in the face of this immense difficulty is indicative of her character. A character trait that all who knew her loved and respected her for. Eunice was very active in Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile. She loved gardening, canning, flowers, bird watching and her ever-available books. She loved and cared for her many pets and had fond memories of all of them. She will be greatly missed by all in the community. Eunice was preceded in death by her husband Dean, her parents, and her eldest sister Arley, who died in infancy. Surviving are sons; Allan, James, Kevin, David and wife Barbara and four grandchildren.