



## Florence Margaret Nelson

March 14, 1921 - March 1, 2008

Florence Margaret Holstein (Nelson) was born on March 14, 1921 to Victor & Jesse Holstein at Spiker, Nebraska. She was the third born of five children. She graduated from high school from Blair, Nebraska in 1939. After high school she attended college at Wayne State where she obtained her teaching certificate.

Her first teaching position was at the Whitford Country School in Washington County where she taught grades K ♦ " 8. She then taught at Arlington, Nebraska after Whitford merged with the Arlington Schools.

She met Howard Nelson at a dance at Blair in 1940. During their courtship, Howard was drafted into the army in July, 1942. They were married on December 13, 1943 at Zion Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska. Florence stayed in Arlington teaching school while Howard was sent overseas and was discharged from the Army in 1945.

When Howard was discharged from the Army in 1945, he and Florence started farming near Boys Town in Omaha at 132nd and Dodge Streets. In August 1954, they welcomed a baby son into their family when their son, Clayton, was born. The following year on Father's Day they received word that Holly Ann had arrived and would soon be joining them.

In March of 1960 the Nelson family moved up to Washington County and continued the farming operations. In 1995 after retiring they moved into Omaha.

Florence was involved in 4-H for many years as a 4-H leader. She taught Sunday School for 25 years at Zion Lutheran Church and was also a member of the Lydia Circle. She had been a member of the Douglas and Washington County Extension Clubs for many years. She and Howard were also members of the Elkhorn VE Grange from 1947 ♦" 1997.

Florence was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Hazel Appleby and two brothers, Howard and Warren Holstein. She is survived by her husband, Howard; a son, Clayton Nelson and his wife Brenda; a daughter, Holly Sander and her husband, Jerry; six grandchildren: Heidi Hron, Katie Eklund, Adrienne Olsen, Barry Nelson, Todd Eklund and Justin Sander, 7 great grandchildren and a brother, Everett Holstein.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Florence Margaret Nelson*

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