

Smith, Vivian
d. 12-12-2009



Vivian Smith

APRIL 11, 1920-DEC. 12, 2009

Vivian Smith, 89, a longtime resident of Randall, passed away Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, at Israel Family Hospice House in Ames surrounded by her family and an almost continuous parade of friends. Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Ames. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery in Colo.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Becker Funeral Home in Jewell, with a scripture service at 7 p.m. Memorial gifts may be given to Israel Family Hospice House in Ames.

April 11, 1920, at the family home in Moulton, to Charles and Irene (Hanson) Davis.

Vivian and her husband, Raymond G. Smith, farmed several farms in central Iowa following their marriage Oct. 19, 1943, in Colo, finally settling in Randall where Ray worked until he retired from the Farmer's Cooperative in 1979. Up until Raymond's death in 1997, they spent several winters in Arizona with family.

Vivian's children and grandchildren span the country from Arizona to Pennsylvania, and she served as the focal point for holidays and vacations, traveling to Montana as recently as September 2009 to take part in a family house-raising project.

She was active in Good Shepherd Parish in Jewell, and most recently at St. Cecilia's in Ames. She was an expert seamstress whose talents ranged from custom clothing to beautiful quilts.

She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn, of Randall; sons, Charles (Annette), of Boone, and John (Pat), of Fort Worth, Texas; daughters, Meg Bryan, of Anaconda, Mont., Irene and Marcella, both of Tucson, Ariz., and Marie (Alan), of Benson, Ariz.; grandsons, Jim (Cheryl) Goforth, of Pennsylvania, Robert Otts, of Arizona, and Chris and Allen (Kristin) Smith, of Texas; and several

great-grandchildren. Also surviving is Vivian's sister, Annabelle Henze, of State Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two brothers, Carl and Hans.

Ames Tribune
12-15-2009