



Pearl Irene Buffalow

June 22, 1918 - December 14, 2013

Pearl Irene Buffalow, age 95, a long time resident of Howard, Kansas passed away Saturday, December 14, 2013 at the Howard Twilight Manor. She was born June 22, 1918 the 3rd child of William Evert and Ethel Irene (Morris) Green at their home north of Elk Falls, Kansas.

Irene attended rural schools Stone and Stoney Point and then attended Elk Falls High School graduating in 1935. She later attended Normal Training at Emporia College, now Emporia State University. She taught school at Independence Rural School and Bunker Hill Rural School both in NW Elk County.

It was while she was teaching at Independence that a young man by the name of George Robert Buffalow was working in a field across the road on a fall day. He became thirsty and noticed a nice looking young woman cleaning the school house so he went across the road and asked for a drink of water from the cistern. Thus a romance began. Irene and George were married at Eureka, Kansas on September 19, 1939. They established their home in NW Elk County in Union Center Township. To this union four children were born; Myrna, Mary, Sharon and Gordon. Irene was a loving mother, but was strict with rules of behavior, studies, etc. She was always willing to help with homework, lend an ear about a troubling situation. Irene was also a good neighbor and was usually one of the first to respond when a neighbor or friend

had a crisis of some matter.

Irene loved her family and was always glad to welcome her children, grandchildren, neighbors and extended family in for a cup of coffee and perhaps a cookie or a piece of pie. She enjoyed it most when the kids and grandkids were home for Christmas or any other time.

Irene was a hard working lady and was always glad to help with farm work, the cattle, taking care of the garden, slopping hogs as well as helping with the housework. She was always willing to help a neighbor, help with the schools and whatever had to be done. She was a good cook and her family will all remember the fragrance of homemade bread when it was removed from the oven, especially when it was covered with butter and homemade sand plum or blackberry jelly.

Irene is survived by 3 daughters, Myrna and husband Frank Winn of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Mary and husband Jerry Harrod of Howard, Kansas and Sharon Cowden of Gilbert, Arizona, 8 grandchildren, Stuart Winn of Houston, Texas; Sterling Winn of Lubbock, Texas; Stephanie Cavallo of Frisco, Texas; Gary Harrod of Howard, Kansas; Greg Harrod of Wichita, Kansas; Nancy Linville of Gilbert, Arizona; Rebecca Rowan of Arlington Heights, Illinois and Garret Buffalow of Cedar Vale, Kansas, 12 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and host of friends. Irene was preceded in death by her parents, husband George Buffalow, son Gordon Buffalow, brother Wayne Green, 2 sisters Nina Cambridge and Hope Hayden and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at Countryside Funeral Home with Pastor Robin Haines officiating. Friends may stop and register from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Interment will be held at Piedmont Cemetery. Family suggests memorials to

the Howard Twilight Manor and may be left with the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, Kansas.

Cemetery Details

Piedmont Cemetery

Piedmont, KS 67122

Previous Events

Service

DEC **18**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Tribute Wall

SH

“ My grandmother, Olga Jenkins, was one of those neighbors. Irene knew what it was like to be a good neighbor. She and my Grandmother had a wonderful friendship. Olga always spoke highly of Irene. I will always remember Irene as a hard worker, but she always found time to sit down and write a letter. When Olga had to move to Missouri she always shared Irene's letter with us. What a wonderful human being.

Susan Holland

Susan Holland - January 06, 2014 at 01:01 PM

BM

“ Granny, was a pleasure to know you . A smile and a wink and you are on your way. You were a jewel and I will miss you. Now you can rest under a tree and watch the world go by. Miss Bea

Belinda Meyer - December 18, 2013 at 11:05 AM

TH

“ Oh yes.... The Buffalow farm. The best place I knew to find fish. Even when your fishing skills told you there were no fish to be found, Mrs. Buffalow could always bring her pets to the surface just to show you there were still fish in the water waiting to be caught sometime in the future. Given a few more years I think she could have tamed the prairie chickens too or a least had them feeding out of her hand.

However, even better than the fishing expeditions were the conversations with Mrs Buffalow, her wonderful cookies, her awesome cooking, and the overall pleasure of just being there "on the farm". She made every visit to the farm one that made you want to return sooner than the last. It seemed she was a natural at making you feel good about life. She used the resources around her to bring enjoyment and fun to everyone.

Mrs Buffalow you will be missed. Though you are not with us any longer and have gone to a better place, the memory of you and the times on the farm will be a special part of me. Your positive outlook of life and unmatched work ethic is something that I will value and respect always. You were blessed with a great family and your family along with countless others were blessed with knowing you. Good bye Mrs. Buffalo. Thank you.

Tracy Helms - December 17, 2013 at 07:31 PM

FS

“ Florene Smith lit a candle in memory of Pearl Irene Buffalow



Florene Smith - December 17, 2013 at 04:50 PM

FS

“ *Myrna, Mary, Sharon and families. Was so shocked to see that your mother had passed away. She was always such a go getter, I guess I expected her to be around forever. What a wonderful woman and she is going to be missed by you, her family, and by anyone that has had the honor of know you mother. Many memories. My thoughts, prayers and sympathies are with all of you as you face the days ahead. God's Blessings and comfort to all of you.*

Florene Smith - December 17, 2013 at 04:47 PM

JA

“ *Irene will be deeply missed.....what a wonderful lady she was.*



Jane - December 17, 2013 at 12:36 PM

HG

“ *You will always be loved and missed.*

Handy Green - December 17, 2013 at 06:50 AM



“ *Oh Aunt Reenie, how I have missed you and the fun time had on the farm! You were one of a kind,,,,,,,,,a true pearl. Don't let them guinea hens get the best of you now! LOL From Mary Leigh, your adoring neice. Go ride Mac and kill a few turkeys! A few rattlesnakes too!*

Mary Wise - December 16, 2013 at 08:06 PM

DW

“ *Debbie, Nathan, & Natalie Winn purchased the W
ritten in the Stars for the family of Pearl Irene
Buffalow.*



Debbie, Nathan, & Natalie Winn - December 16, 2013 at 05:02
PM

BC

“ *Becky Courter lit a candle in memory of Pearl
Irene Buffalow*



Becky Courter - December 16, 2013 at 01:48 PM

LS

“ *Lesa Schroeder lit a candle in memory of
Pearl Irene Buffalow*



Lesa Schroeder - December 16, 2013 at 01:05 PM

LF

“ *Love, Your Evangel Church Family purchased
the Let It Snow for the family of Pearl Irene
Buffalow.*



Love, Your Evangel Church Family - December 16, 2013 at
12:37 PM

KF

“ *Kirk Baird Family lit a candle in memory of Pearl Irene Buffalow*



Kirk Baird family - December 16, 2013 at 10:33 AM

JK

“ *Judy & Estal Knapp lit a candle in memory of Pearl Irene Buffalow*



Judy & Estal Knapp - December 16, 2013 at 08:39 AM