

## Falls City, NE

Edna Emma Lydia (Becker) Witt, 99 of Falls City, NE passed away May 15, 2017 at the Falls City Healthcare Community. She was born February 3, 1918 to Louis and Emelie (Herbster) Becker of rural Falls City.

Edna was raised on the family farm Northeast of Falls City and attended Country school District 25 through 8th grade. She was confirmed in the St. John's Lutheran Church. Edna stayed and helped on the family farm until her marriage to John Witt in May of 1944. John and Edna began their life together farming Northeast of Falls City. They had a family of little boys rather quickly; five in a span of five years (included a set of twins) then followed by another son and daughter. They attended Zion United Church of Christ near their home. Edna was a lifetime resident of Richardson County.

Edna worked very hard raising seven children, vegetable and flower gardens, canning fruit, vegetables and meat. She also raised chickens and sold eggs. She was an excellent cook and baked bread, cinnamon rolls, pies and always a burnt sugar cake for your birthday. She loved sewing and fancy work. Her daughter Darlene took up quilting and she enjoyed seeing and talking about all of her projects throughout the years. Edna enjoyed music that her husband played on his accordion and Darlene's hymns on the piano. Edna kept a daily diary up until 2015. She journaled about family visits, births and deaths, what flowers bloomed, when potatoes were planted, when it rained and how much. She is the end of an era of the American farm wife and mother as we know it.

Edna is survived by her children Merlyn and (Melanie) Witt of Guadalupita, NM; Duane Witt of Falls City; Dennis and (Beth) Witt of Cypress, TX; Ronald and (Marlene) Witt of Lincoln, NE; Darlene and (Ron) Andreatta of Ely, IA. Grandchildren Jon Witt; Brianne and (Michael) Smith; Brandon Witt; Brian and (Dawn) Witt; Becky and (Chris) Jansen; Marty and (Ali) Witt; Scott and (Megan) Witt. Great-grandchildren August and Hagen Witt; Gracey, Christian, Matthew and Faith Witt; Lily, Laura, Lydia and Luke Jansen; Mallory, Saige and Emerson Witt. She was preceded in death by her husband John, sons Larry and Roger, her parents, sisters Arlene and Lorene Becker, brother's; Raymond, Walter, Marvin, Richard and Elmer Becker.

Her funeral will be held on Friday May 19th at 10:30 a.m. at Zion United Church of Christ with Reverend Fay Ann Blaylock officiating. Interment will be in the Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 7-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.