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08/26/2011 - Selma J. Kudrna

Funeral services for Selma J. Kudrna will be held on Friday, August 26, 2011 at 2:00 PM at the United Methodist Church in Hay Springs with Pastor Rod Heilbrun officiating. Burial will be at Beaver Valley Cemetery.

Selma Lundy Kudrna, 72, of Hay Springs, Nebraska died on August 22, 2011 at Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Hay Springs.

Selma was born on September 1, 1938 in Hay Springs, Nebraska to Lester and Mildred (Reno) Lundy. She grew up in Beaver Valley Community north of Hay Springs. She enjoyed the family farm and attended Beaver Valley Elementary school. Selma graduated from Hay Springs High School. She was actively involved in music, 4-H, and was the majorette for the band. After graduating from the Park School of Business in Denver, Colorado, she returned to Hay Springs and worked at the First National Bank until she married Kenneth Kudrna on September 17, 1958.

Selma traveled with Kenneth until he completed his military service. Together they bought the Crawford Dotson Farm southwest of Hay Springs. Over the years, she diligently worked towards completing her college education, graduating from Chadron State College in 1983 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Business. In addition to working on the family farm, Selma worked at the bank, H & R Block, Baker and Associates, and eventually opened her own business in 1985.

Selma was active in the Hay Springs Order of the Eastern Star, P.E.O., United Methodist Church, 99's (international group of lady aviators), Civil Air Patrol, and the Nebraska Republican National Committee. She served as board member to the Dawes County Hawk School Board, the Sheridan County Tourism Board, the Hay Springs Chamber of Commerce, the Dawes County Election Board, the Sheridan County Fair Board, and the treasurer of the United Methodist Church of Hay Springs.

What began as a farm with three trees for Selma and Ken in 1958 was later awarded in 2003 by the NRD, Tree planter of the Year, for planting approximately 96,000 trees. Selma enjoyed piloting her own plane, fishing, traveling with the Security Gold Club, and staying busy. She was also a devoted sports fan for her grandchildren.

Selma's survivors are her husband, Kenneth of Hay Springs; Daughter, Julie (Ken) Eckland of Scottsbluff; Son, Kevin of Hay Springs; Brother, Alvin (Adabelle) Lundy of Alliance; five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and seventeen nieces and nephews.

A memorial has been established for the Hay Springs Volunteer Fire Department Building Fund. Donations may be sent to Chamberlain Drabbels Mortuary, PO Box 443, Hay Springs, NE 69347.

Online condolences can be made at www.chamberlainchapel.com

Chamberlain Drabbels Mortuary of Hay Springs is in charge of arrangements.