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Frances Ruth Harms

Frances Ruth Smith Harms was born on November 15, 1933, to Sam M. and Susie Unruh Smith in Gray County, Kansas. She peacefully passed away at home on July 30, 2007, at the age of 73 years. Funeral services will be held at 10:30am at the Mt. View Mennonite Church in Bonnors Ferry with burial following in the Mt. View Mennonite Cemetery.

Frances grew to womanhood in the Copeland, Kansas, community.

On May 23, 1948, after giving her heart to the Lord Jesus, Minister Vernon Nightingale baptized her into the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite. She embraced this faith to the end.

Frances was joined in marriage to Eugene Harms on January 16, 1952, by Minister Vernon Nightingale. They began their married life in Ulysses, Kansas, and enjoyed a very close relationship for 55 years. This union was blessed with four sons and one daughter.

They spent 26 years in Ulysses, Kansas, on the family farm. Family and friends enjoyed her homemaking skills and hospitality. They, as a family, appreciated her charitable spirit toward others. In 1978 they moved to Bonnors Ferry, Idaho, where she spent the last 28 years of her life. She loved the mountains and found joy in observing nature, listening to birdsong, and tending her many beautiful flowers. Spending time with her grandchildren was very special to her. She often prayed for them.

After a five month battle with cancer, the family was blessed with her radiant face and smile as the Lord came to take her home.

Those left to cherish memories are her husband, Eugene Harms, Bonnors Ferry, Idaho; and four sons: Arnold and Diane Harms, Ivins, Utah; Cecil and Carol Harms, Murtaugh, Idaho; Troy and Sue Harms, Bonnors Ferry, Idaho; Wade and Elaine Harms, Hazelton, Idaho; one daughter; Doreen and Jeremy Amoth, Bonnors Ferry, Idaho; nineteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three brothers: Vernon and Evelyn Smith, Ulysses, Kansas; Ervie and Pearl Smith, Dodge City, Kansas; Milton and Shirley Smith, Dodge City, Kansas; four sisters: Irene Unruh, Copeland, Kansas; Viola and Lee Koehn, Montezuma, Kansas; Verda and John Koehn, Stover, Missouri; Doris and Bill Friesen, Perrinton, Michigan; one brother-in-law: Pete Koehn, Cimarron, Kansas. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.