



Gloria V. Burkinshaw

February 18, 1929 - March 3, 2015

NORFOLK -- Gloria Virginia Burkinshaw, one of 3-sisters and two brothers born February 18, 1929, about the same time The Great Depression nearly devastated her farm family Gurdon and Dollie Burkinshaw. The family struggled to make ends met on their small farm along the Keya Paha River near Mills, Nebraska. They were poor like all the neighbors but her parents milked 16 cows most of the time that provided them with a cream check every week. Her father often raised several hundred feeder pigs, some draft horses, and a small herd of registered Hereford stock cows. They also raised big gardens along with lots of chickens. Gloria and her four siblings walked 2 miles to a rural one room school where she received a good basic education. Gloria later graduated from Long Pine, Nebraska high school as Valedictorian of her class. By the time she finished high school in 1946 her father had died of cancer, leaving her mother to raise a family of five the best way she could. Gloria was only 18 when she began teaching rural students. She was determined to earn enough to go to college. When Gloria received her teaching certificate in 1954 she only had 25 dollars to her name, a job teaching in Pueblo, Colorado, and a bus ticket in her hand. Gloria received \$3,200 teaching the second grade that year but through determination, diligence, and being thrifty she was able to get her Master's Degree, a beautiful townhouse at the foothills of Pueblo, Colorado, and all those things she dreamed of doing before she died. After Gloria retired she was very active in the First Church of the Nazarene of Pueblo often traveling to Africa and

other foreign countries doing missionary work helping build churches for the poor. In December 2011, Gloria had a stroke and wound up in a Pueblo hospital unable to talk or write her name. Gloria never married and lived alone in Pueblo for 58 years, surrounded by her church and teacher friends. The "stroke ruined my life," Gloria later said after recovering. Her family brought her to Norfolk, Nebraska to be near her brother and sisters. Gloria lived in The Meadows, an assisted living facility until she had another stroke which took her life Tuesday March 3, 2015. Gloria is survived by two brothers, Kenneth and wife Olean of St Paul, Minnesota, Stanley and wife Jeannie of Long Pine, Nebraska, and two sisters Dessly Burkinshaw of Norfolk, Hazel and husband Webb McNally of Norfolk, Nebraska.

Private family services will be at a later date.

Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria V. Burkinshaw*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *I found her old bible in a used book store in Pueblo. After reading about her, I will carry and use this book of God's Word, as it has a special meaning now, besides being a blessed find. I wonder if this bible went on her missionary trips with her. i can only imagine.*

Mike - May 20, 2016 at 09:53 AM



“ *Miss Burkinshaw, as we called her was my 2nd grade teacher along with my brother Robert Emry, and Ramona Conrad Painter. I believe it was her first year of teaching. We went to school at Dist 26 near the Niobrara River. Such good memories. She gave us a wonderful start in life. Sympathy to her loved ones.*
Leona Emry

Leona Emry - March 10, 2015 at 09:11 PM



“ *Gloria, we are missing you so very much! You have been such a shining star in all of our lives. Your compassion, love and generosity over the many years here in Pueblo to your community and your church will have an eternal impact. We know that this isn't a goodbye, but rather a "till we meet again" in heaven.*
We love you and miss you!
Jim and Deanna Murray

Jim Murray - March 10, 2015 at 11:05 AM

DA

“ Gloria was a wonderful example of what a Christian should like. She will be dearly missed. May God give you all the peace and strength you need at this time.

Dora

Dora Ague - March 10, 2015 at 12:02 AM

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“ I worked with Gloria at Highland Park school for many years. She was a very devoted Christian woman and a dedicated teacher. My condolences to her family. May she rest in peace.

Donna Verderaime

Donna Verderaime - March 09, 2015 at 12:18 AM

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“ To Burkinshaw family our prayers and thoughts are with you.
The Harley Wilson family

wilson family - March 07, 2015 at 03:19 PM