

## Phylis Ehlers, 87

Feb. 23, 1922 - Dec. 13, 2009

**MANNING** — Phylis Rue, daughter of David Rue and Hilda Augusta (Jansen) Dalgety, was born February 23, 1922, at Manning. She grew up near Manning and graduated from Manning High School in 1940.

April 26, 1942, Phylis was united in marriage with Raymond Alvin Ehlers in Papillion, NE. Four children were born to this union. Phylis and Ray farmed southwest of Manning until their retirement in 1998, when they moved into Manning. Ray died December 18, 2005. In May of 2007, Phylis became a resident of the Manning Plaza Nursing Home. Phylis was a homemaker and very active in the Aspinwall Community Club Auxiliary, serving as its first president in 1978. She also was a member of the Tri-County Social Club and Manning Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed baking, gardening, cooking and spending time with family and friends. She especially enjoyed the time she spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sunday, December 13, 2009, Phylis died at Manning Regional Healthcare Center in Manning. She reached the age of 87 years.

Phylis was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a granddaughter Cheryl Ehlers; two sisters Lila Johnson and husband Paul and Alice Savage and husband Bob; and a brother-in-law Ed Madsen. She is survived by four children: Annette Joens and husband Roger of Harvest, AL; Allen Ehlers and wife Becki of Manning; Charles "Chuck" Ehlers and wife Nadine of Manning; and Bob Ehlers and wife Brenda of Manning; 10 grandchildren; Kim Joens, Russell Joens and wife Casie, Andrea Hoffmeier and husband Josh, Ericka Irlbeck and husband Alan, Crystal Ehlers, Michaela Sander and husband Scott, Bridget Gore and husband Mike, Jason Ehlers, Ashley Ehlers and Amber Ehlers; 10 great-grandchildren; Elizabeth Joens, Matthew Joens, Teah Hoffmeier, Takoda Hoffmeier, Takara Hoffmeier, Haylie Irlbeck, Brianna Sander, Devyn Sander, Paige Davis and Claire Gore; a sister Donavee Madsen of Audubon; step-sisters: Diane Genzen and husband Daryl, Beverly Irlbeck and husband Merlyn and Kay Otto and husband Duane, all of Manning; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 A.M. Thursday, December 17, 2009, at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning with Rev. Paul Frank officiating. Congregational Hymns were "Here I Am, Lord", "This is God's House", "I'm But a Stranger Here", and "It Is Well with My Soul" with Carolyn Kerkhoff, organist. Casket bearers were Phylis' grandchildren, Kim Joens, Russel Joens, Andrea Hoffmeier, Ericka Irlbeck, Crystal Ehlers, Michaela Sander, Bridget Gore, Ja-



son Ehlers, Ashley Ehlers, and Amber Ehlers. Honorary casket bearers were Phylis' great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Joens, Matthew Joens, Teah Hoffmeier, Takoda Hoffmeier, Takara Hoffmeier, Haylie Irlbeck, Brianna Sander, Devyn Sander, Paige Davis, and Clarie Gore. Interment was in the Manning Cemetery.

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