

Obituary

Norene Hall Mills

1917-2016

Norene Hall Mills departed this life June 19 at Callaway. She was born on March 17, 1917, on the family homestead 11 miles north of Arnold. Her parents were Frank and Florence Emerson Hall. She spent a happy childhood with her family, which included her older brother, Cameron.

She graduated from Arnold High School in 1934. She taught for three years at the Climax and Hall schools.

On May 15, 1937, she married David Mills. They became parents of three children: LaCleda, Suanne and John.

After the kids grew up, Norene enjoyed working as the librarian at the Arnold Public Library. During these years she began researching local history. The result was her book of Arnold history, 100 Years on the South Loup, published in 1983. She later wrote



Community Called Climax.

In 1995, she married Jim Chapin. He died in 2001. She was preceded in death by her husband David; daughter La-

Clede Morris; and brother, Cameron.

She is survived by daughter Suanne Lind, son John (Sandy) Mills; grandchildren, Bret (Kym) Morris, Jill (Scott) Chapman, Mike (Kendra) Lind, Amy (T.J.) O'Neill; great-grandchildren, Cody Severinsen, Jackson Morris, Emily O'Neill, Natalie O'Neill; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be given to the Callaway Good Life Center, Arnold Ambulance Service and Finch Memorial Library.

Memorial funeral services will be held on Friday, July 8, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Arnold. Inurnment will follow in the Arnold Cemetery.