

ELKHART – Gladys Marie (Bracken) Ellis, 88, died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013, at the Morton County Care Center in Elkhart.

She was born on April 14, 1925, to William Thomas and Lillian Rosella (Cox) Bracken in Rogersville, Mo.

She married Lando Lauren Ellis May 11, 1962, in Hugoton. He preceded her in death.

She attended schools in Parsons and Dennis and graduated from Preston High School in Preston, Mo., in April 1942. She then attended college and began teaching in rural schools until 1948. She returned to Panhandle State University and completed a B.S. degree in elementary education in 1960.

She taught school in Hugoton, and Elkhart. After retiring from teaching in 1988, she did book work for Elkhart Hot Oil Company, which she was a co-owner of, until 1991.

She was a member of the Friends Church near Hugoton from 1945-1962, Bible Baptist Church and Hillcrest Baptist Church both of Elkhart.

She was a life member of V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, BPW, Pride Program, Chamber of Commerce, State Board of Kansas PBW Club, E.S.U., Delta Kappa Gamma, KSTA teachers organization, NEA, Hospital Auxiliary, Girl Scout Leader, Sunday School teacher, served on the Morton County Historical Society, Bowling Teams, Elkhart City Council, Whistle Stop Park Secretary, Elkhart Senior Center, Ambassador Club, Point Rock Campers and Santa Fe Trail Association.

She is survived by sons, Rick Ellis and wife, Ardith, St. Charles, Mo., Gary Ellis and wife, Phyllis, Elkhart, Cary Ellis and wife, Shauna, Buena Park, Calif., and Tim Ellis and wife, Trish,

Glendale, Ariz.; daughter, Shirley Burnett and husband, Tom, Elkhart; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Charles Brackern; and one sister, Dorothy Hamilton.

- Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Garnand Funeral Home Chapel in Elkhart, with Pastor Terrell Giddens presiding.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. today at Garnand Funeral Home in Elkhart.

Memorials are suggested to the Elkhart High School Athletic Fund or Elkhart Elementary School in care of Garnand Funeral Home, P.O. Box 854, Elkhart, KS 67950.