



Phyllis McIninch

September 13, 1930 - March 18, 2012

Phyllis Jean McIninch, one of three children of William M. and Margaret (Majors) McIninch, was born September 13, 1930 in Auburn, Nebraska. She attended Locust Grove School District #32, graduated from Auburn High School, and attended Peru State College. After college Jean went to work at the White Horse Ranch in northern Nebraska. She then put her experience with the Auburn high school band to use and went on the road with an all-girl dance band. Next she played for a time with the Ruth Coleman Band. Jean also played in the Southeast Nebraska Community Band for several years. The lure of horses drew her to the John F. Ivory Horse Ranch in the Detroit area, and from there she galloped horses at a track near Detroit. She then moved to California and trained horses in that state. Jean was a tremendously accomplished rider, and performed trick riding for many years. Jean eventually settled down on the family farm near Brownville, Nebraska and spent many years caring for her mother. After her mother's death in 2008, and when her own health declined, Jean became a resident of Colonial Acres Nursing Home in Humboldt, Nebraska. It was there she passed away on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at the age of 81 years, 6 months, and 5 days. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother William and sister Joan. Jean is survived by her nieces Jennifer White of San Antonio, TX and Deborah White of Phoenix, AZ; nephew Steven White Flint Hill, VA; great-nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends. Memorial services were held Friday, March 23, 2012 at Bethel Community Church near Auburn, officiated by Rev. Art Chapin. Sue Hodges was pianist and accompanist for congregational songs. Inurnment of ashes followed in Sheridan Cemetery near Auburn.