

Obituary  
Beverly J. Vlcek

Beverly Jane Vlcek, of Beaver Crossing was born on April 6, 1933 at Lincoln Nebraska to Albert and Verda (Cogswell) Stewart, the oldest of two children and died August 14, 2007 at her home at the age of 74 years 4 months and 8 days. As a young girl Beverly attended country school District #49, graduated with the class of 1950 from Friend High School and never missed an alumni banquet. Beverly furthered her education at Doane College where she earned her teaching certificate and was a dedicated student throughout her life, attending summer school, night classes and correspondence classes. On May 6, 1958 Beverly was united in marriage to Robert J. Vlcek and they were blessed with two children, a daughter, Dacel and a son, Davin.

Beverly and Robert made their home near Beaver Crossing where she was a busy mother, along with her teaching career. She taught country school districts #50 and #53, then taught 1st grade at Friend Public Schools. Beverly also served as the Activities Director for several years at the Exeter Care Center and later helped with activities as she had time. She enjoyed life and was always looking for an adventure. Beverly had collected angels for the last 20 years and has more than 700 in all types of materials. Beverly never thought of herself, always asked how everyone else was, and was a very caring mother and grandmother. Beverly was dedicated to attending all of the activities her grandchildren.

Beverly was a dedicated member of many organizations and served in leadership capacities for all. She was a member of the Friend United Church of Christ, Women's Fellowship and Rachel Circle, and served as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent for 25 years. She was also a 44-year member of the Lauritche Petersen American Legion Auxiliary Unit #359, Cordova, where she served in many capacities. Beverly was a very active supporter of the American Legion Auxiliary and served in leadership and speaking positions at the local, state, and national levels. She currently was serving as head of volunteer services at the Veterans Service Center in Lincoln. Beverly was also a member of the 8&40 BleuValle Salon #766, Lincoln, the Warren Memorial Hospital Auxiliary where she coordinated the monthly birthday parties for many years, Friend Rebekah Lodge, Merry Mrs. Club, Koffee Klatter Extension Club, all of Friend, Cordova Community Club, and many other organizations and activities.

She is survived by her husband Robert Vlcek, Beaver Crossing, daughter and son-in-law, Dacel and Douglas Thomsen, Cordova, son Davin Vlcek, Beatrice, three grandchildren, Jared, Mackenzie and Maitlyn Thomsen, Cordova, brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Lorraine Hansen, Cordova, Norman and Gladys Vlcek, Baraboo, WI, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Gwendolyn Stewart, and a brother-in-law, Woodrow Hansen.

A Funeral Service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 18, 2007 at the United Church of Christ in Friend with Rev. Jack Scavo officiating. Interment was in Andrew Cemetery. An American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Service was

conducted by Cordova American Legion Auxiliary Unit #359. Visitation was on Friday with the family greeting friends and relatives during the evening at Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend, and one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday. Memorials have been established to the United Church of Christ or Cordova American Legion Auxiliary. Shirley Milton, organist, and Carolyn Taylor, pianist, accompanied the church choir as they sang "To Everything There Is A Season" and "Shepherd Of My Life". The congregation sang "Because He Lives" as the processional and "He Touched Me" as the recessional. Casketbearers were Bernard and Boyd Navratil, Charles, Jeff and David Cogswell, Bill and Kevin Hulse, Kent Blender and John Riley. Honorary Pallbearers were Robert Samuelson, Joe Svehla, Rex and Paul Bulwan, Max Kellough, Matt Segner, Charles Maxon, Chris Vinderslev, Paul Weber and Randy Kaliff. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Lauber-Moore Fun-eral Home, Friend. Condolences may be sent to the family at [laubermore.com](http://laubermore.com).