

## Obituary

Erma M. McBride

Erma Mae (Kesler) McBride of Friend died February 29, 2008 in Friend at the age of 94 years. She was born on a farm east of Friend on March 15, 1913 to Israel Arthur Kesler and Myrtle (Rinehimer) Kesler. At about five years of age moved with parents to the Kesler family farm in Seward County, Nebraska. Moved to Friend in 1923. Graduated from Friend High School in 1934.

On December 25, 1934, Erma was united in marriage to Amzi M. McBride. To this union two daughters, Sandra and Sharon were born.

Erma and Amzi farmed in both Seward and Saline counties before moving to Friend in 1961. Erma belonged to the United Church of Christ in Friend. She was a member of and served as Worthy Matron in the Order of the Eastern Star Rose Standish Chapter #265. A member of P.E.O. and Grange. Helping out in the community was a given for Erma. Blood drives, Meals on Wheels are a couple that come to mind.

Erma enjoyed traveling, golfing, gardening, cross stitching, her roses and in later years, reading and word puzzles.

She was well known at the Warren Memorial Hospital because of her daily walks in the halls.

She is survived by her daughters, Sharon Cullen, San Antonio, Texas and Sandra Brambila, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Nine grandchildren, James (Doris) Keane, Moore, Okla., Nickolas (Candie) Keane, Fayetteville, N.C., Shawn (Rosalie) Keane, Dallas, Tex., David (Joanne) Cullen, Rock Hill, S.C., Karen (Dan) Cullen-Foster, San Antonio, Tex., Larry Brambila, Lincoln, Neb., Beverly Heinz, Colorado Springs, Colo., Dale (Debbie) Brambila, Lincoln Neb., and Angela Brambila, Colorado Springs, Colo., along with seventeen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

A Private Family Funeral Service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2008, at Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend, with Revs. Ginny and Tim Adams officiating. Order of Eastern Star Service conducted by Rose Standish Chapter #265. Private Interment, Andrew Cemetery, Friend. Public visitation 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, Lauber-Moore Funeral Home. No visitation on Thursday. Memorials to AseraCare Hospice. Pallbearers were her grandchildren. James, Nickolas and Shawn Keane, David Cullen, Karen Cullen-Foster, Larry and Dale Brambila, and Beverly Heinz. Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend was entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at [laubermooore.com](http://laubermooore.com).