

*Billie Luther obituary*

Willie (Billie) Enid Luther, 88, longtime resident of Broken Bow, died June 21, 2006, at the Crestwood Convalescent Center in Port Angeles, Washington, where she had resided for the past few months. Billie was born in Osceola, Missouri, on November 3, 1917, to Lena Leota (Jordan) and William Henry Rodabaugh. A few years later she and her family moved to a ranch near Thedford, Nebraska. Billie attended schools in Thedford, graduating from Thedford High School in 1934. She worked as a waitress for several years, then did a program of study at Grand Island Business College in 1940-41. The following year she lived in Washington, DC, and worked for the federal government. She married Omer Kem (O. K.) Luther on January 2, 1945. She and O. K. lived on a ranch one mile west of Broken Bow for more than forty years. During these years Billie was a mother, homemaker, and bookkeeper for the family businesses. After O. K.'s death in 1989 she remained on the ranch until 2001, when a stroke made it impossible for her to continue to live on her own. From 2001 to 2005 she stayed with her son and his family in Ontario and British Columbia.

Billie is survived by her son, Kem Luther, her daughter-in-law Jeanne (Isaac) Luther, her granddaughters Jeni and Erin, Jeni's husband Steven Kelly, and a great-grandson, Finn Luther Kelly (all of Victoria, British Columbia). She is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie June and Roy Mays of Gooding, Idaho, and by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by six of her siblings and their spouses, Golda (Barney Powers), Sylvan (Artie Stewart), Walter (Suzy Hepworth), Evelyn (Loren Price), Hank Jr., and Kenneth. Interment will be in the Broken Bow Cemetery following a private ceremony for her immediate family. Memorials are suggested to Jennie M. Melham Memorial Medical Center.