

Wilma Arlene Flynn, daughter of Douglas and Leta Martin Chryst, was born on June 21, 1916 at Shenandoah, Iowa and passed away at Beverly Health Care in Maryville, Missouri on December 10, 2003. With the exception of a few years living in Colorado during her early childhood, Wilma has lived in the Shenandoah area all her life. Wilma attended Shenandoah High School graduating with the Class of 1937. On May 5, 1939 she was united in marriage to Russel Flynn. After their marriage they lived in rural Shenandoah where they farmed. Russel and Wilma were married for over 62 years. Wilma was a dedicated farm wife and wonderful doting mother to her two daughters. Wilma worked for over 16 years in the food department for the Shenandoah Public Schools. Wilma was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church; Nishna Valley Saddle Club; O.D.O Neighborhood Club; and the Christian Women's Club. The most important thing to Wilma was her family and friends. She delighted doing anything she could to make the lives of others more enjoyable. Her hobbies included cooking, baking, ceramics and making crafts. She was preceded in death by her husband Russel; twin sister, Thelma and her husband Willard Flynn; her aunt, Nina Martin who raised her and her sister after the loss of their mother at a young age. Also a special cousin Maxine Nelson, along with other relatives.

Survivors include her two daughters and husbands, Barbara Kunze and Martin of St. Joseph, Missouri and Donna Rae Morey and John of Essex, Iowa; four grandchildren Holly Morey, David Morey, Gayle Edwards, and Stephen Kunze; brother and sister-in-law, Lyle and Norma Chryst of Sidney, Nebraska; one double niece, Nancy Heard and her husband Larry of Shenandoah. Wilma is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and many friends. She will be greatly missed by all of those whose lives she touched.