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*In Loving*  
MEMORY

***Edith Elizabeth Croll***

*August 12, 1919 - August 7, 2019*



Edith Elizabeth Croll, 99, of Miller, passed away Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Edith Elizabeth Croll was born August 12, 1919, the fourth of five children of George H. Steele and Fannie B. (Davis) Steele, on the farm her father homesteaded in Linn Township, Hand County, near Rockham, South Dakota. Her father passed when she was 8 years old, and her mother chose to raise the children on the farm. They remained a close-knit family with frequent potlucks, picnics and outings. She attended East Linn School, a one-room schoolhouse and later taught there; graduated from Rockham High School, Wessington Springs Teacher's College, and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Huron College. She experienced the Great Depression, Dust Bowl, rationing of World War II, prairie fires and was an elementary school teacher for 39 years in rural Hand and Faulk Counties and taught 5th grade in the Miller School.

On April 28, 1945, she married "Les" Leslie M. Croll, who was also a child of Hand County pioneers, L.B. "Ben" Croll and Minnie Andrews Croll. They farmed north of Miller in Florence Township, and raised registered polled Herefords. Edith tended large vegetable and flower gardens, and later became known for her pies, making about 12 pies every Monday evening, to supplement the hamburgers and coffee at the Faulkton Sale Barn. Her hobbies and/or survival skills included sewing, darning, quilting, gardening, birdwatching, counted cross stitch, pencil drawings, embroidery, crochet, knitting, crossword puzzles and brain teasers and games, especially dominoes, bridge, and caroms.

She was active in the First Presbyterian Church and served as Sunday School teacher and Superintendent, Trustee, Deacon, Elder, and Clerk of Session, and was active in Circle, Sunday School, and Presbytery. She wrote weekly articles for the Miller Press under the headlines Lost Creek News, Friendship Center and Miller Manor. Edith enjoyed memberships including Hand County Extension Clubs (Modern Matrons, Merry Homemakers), the Friendship Center, Hand County Historical Society, and Toastmasters.

Edith married Wilford W. Hermann on October 7, 1989, and in their short marriage enjoyed travel, socializing, reading, raising Wilford's sheep, blue squashes and gladiolas, his gift of storytelling, their farms and nature.

Edith is survived by daughter, Kathryn Leslie (Gene) Stobbs, Minnesota; son, Larry Dean (Janne) Croll, Arizona; grandchildren: Steve (Julie) Stobbs, Matthew Croll, Tricia (Lorin Krause) Stobbs, Michael (Trina) Croll, Andrew Stobbs, Ty Stevens, Brianne Hill, great grandchildren: Cerulean "Ru" Croll, Grace Stobbs, Sam Croll, Orion Croll, Cole Stobbs, Abigail Olson, and Jill Krause; one great-great granddaughter, Elliana Nedzelski and nieces: Carola Kay (William) Croll Winkle, Idaho, Linda Steele (David) Broderick, Nebraska, Vicki Jonas Unger, AnnaLee Fields, Montana, Ron Merritt, Wyoming, Sherri Hullinger, Montana, and Linda (Mrs. Jim) Steele, Ft. Pierre, and Shirley (Mrs. Dan) Steele, Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; siblings: Kenneth (Betty Leno) Steele, Barbara Steele, Colin (Mildred Gamble) Steele, Stewart (Evelyn Merritt) Steele; nieces and nephews Jim Steele, Baby Emilie Steele, Dan Steele, Bryan "Bud" Merritt, grand-nephews: Michael Broderick and David Broderick, and many dear friends.

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### Visitation:

1:00 p.m., Friday, August 16, 2019

First Presbyterian Church  
Miller, South Dakota

### Funeral Service:

2:00 p.m., Friday, August 16, 2019

First Presbyterian Church  
Miller, South Dakota

### Minister:

Rev. Brian Jones

### Casketbearers:

All Edith's  
Grandchildren

### Pianist:

Janice Palmer

### Music Selections:

"Whispering Hope"

"In My Heart There Rings A Melody"

"In The Garden"

### Soloists:

Brian Jones - Jim Jones

### Interment:

F.G.A.R. Cemetery  
Miller, South Dakota