

## Table Rock , NE

Minnie Louise (Weiz) was born May 28, 1930 in Pawnee City to Daniel Robert and Louise Wilhemina (Rinne) Parks. She was the youngest of seven children living on a farm in Violet, Nebraska. Minnie enjoyed early life in the country spending time with her German shepherd, Handy and pony, Ruby. They were close friends since her brothers and sisters were much older. Minnie attended three different rural schools in grades 1-8. She and Ruby often drove cattle to the pasture on the way to school. When she was eight years old, the family moved to a farm south of Pawnee City into a larger house with a cistern pump indoors and Delco electricity. Her father's Aunt Rose lived with them. Both her Aunt Rose and mother had hearing loss, so at an early age Minnie learned to value communication. She had the joy of babysitting and spending time with many nieces and nephews, and later great nieces and nephews.

The family attended Salem United Church of Christ each week where Minnie was confirmed in 1949 and committed herself to the Lord. Her confirmation song, "What a Friend we Have in Jesus" and verses Matthew 6:33 & 7:7, were always special to Minnie. Christmas time was also a precious memory with programs and decorated trees.

After graduating from Pawnee High School, at age 17, Minnie attend Normal School at Peru State College and began teaching. She taught for eight years in country school and continued teaching children of all ages in Sunday School, Bible School and 4-H, as well as adults in women's group, and Bible Study.

At Salem Church on November 13, 1954 her uncles Revs. Alfred Rinne and Al Brueggmann married Minnie to Willard Dale Binder. The couple made their home in Table Rock, where they lived for more than 65 years in two homes which they built together. They raised seven children.

Minnie was interested in people and endeared herself to all. Her home was always open and she joyfully fed and housed friends and strangers at a moment's notice. Minnie's main focus was serving the Lord in her family, church and community. Interests included learning, gardening, reading, teaching and writing poetry. Cooperation and discipline in love were her shibboleth.

Highlights of her life included travels to see missions at work in Mexico, the Philippines and Guam, an anniversary trip to the Holy Land, a cruise to Alaska and many excursions to visit family.

Minnie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Willard, 2 sisters: Elsie Borchert and husband Clarence; Lola Hoffman and husband Marvin; four brothers: LaVern and wife Luella; Frederick and wife Eunice; Melvin and wife Alodyne; and Leland and wife Mary; and son-in-law Tony Taylor.

Minnie Binder died Tuesday, May 3, at the age of 91.

Family that will miss her include: son Jonathan and wife Karen, grandchildren Mathew and Nicholas and wife Megan, great grandson Declan, daughter Rebecca and husband Neil DuBois,

daughter Martha and husband Eldon Lessen, granddaughters Raelyn, Ruth and Grace, sons Peter, Charles, daughter Sarah Taylor and son Samuel along with many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Pawnee County Medical Foundation, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Table Rock United Methodist Church or Table Rock Church of Christ.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 13, 2022 at the United Methodist Church in Table Rock, Nebraska with Pastors Dorothy Smith and Howard Blecha officiating.

Minnie donated her body to the Nebraska Anatomical Board so there will be no viewing. Visitation with family present will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the United Methodist Church in Table Rock, Nebraska.

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Inurnment will be at a later date in the Table Rock Cemetery.

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