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## Virginia "Jeanie" Nelson, 79

*Dec. 31, 1927 - July 10, 2007*

**AURORA, NE** — Virginia "Jeanie" Hester Nelson, daughter of Charles Ross and Hester Evaline (Peterson) Teninty, was born in Harrison, County Dec. 31, 1927, the oldest of five children. She grew up in Harrison County and graduated from high school in Neola. Following high school, she continued her education and taught at a country school for five years.

Jeanie married Lawrence O. "Larry" Nelson Feb. 26, 1952, in Neola. Jeanie, Lawrence, and their children lived in Shelby, from the 1950's until 1972. They were the parents of three children. When her children were in junior high school, Jeanie pursued her dream of becoming a nurse. She attended Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, graduating in 1969 as a Licensed Practical Nurse. After graduating, Jeanie worked at Myrtue Memorial Hospital. She also worked in the nursing field in the North Platte, NE, hospital and the Aurora Medical Center. She later worked at the Hamilton Manor and Hearthstone in York, NE. Larry and Jeanie also touched the lives of several children during their five years as foster parents, both in North Platte and Aurora, NE. She was a member of the Aurora Garden Club. She died July 10, 2007, at Memorial Community Care in Aurora, NE, following a 10-year battle with ovarian cancer at age 79.

Jeanie was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Gladys Cooper; and a brother, Paul Hadfield. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Nelson of Aurora, NE; two sons, Robert (Linda) Nelson of Davenport, and Dale Joe (Rhonda)

Nelson of Chapman, KS; daughter, Helen (George) Rodriguez of Paola, KS; nine grandchildren; five great grandchildren; her brother, James Hadfield of Omaha; and her sister, Maxine (Don) Tatreau of North Carolina.

Funeral services were held July 16, 2007 at Faith Community Church in Aurora, NE with Rev. Fred Nofer officiating. Casket bearers were her grandsons, Scott Nelson, Steven Nelson, and Joshua Shipman; Larry Gimbel, Rich Janzen, and Mike Kingsley. Burial was in the Kenner Cemetery in Maries County, MO. Higby-McQuiston Mortuary of Aurora in charge of arrangements.