

## MARJORIE BELL NEUKIRCH

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Marjorie Bell Neukirch was born on the George Ellis farm southwest of Cassoday, Kansas in 1918. She moved to a farm near Lookout, Oklahoma with her family in 1920. She attended grade school; at Pleasant Valley District #40 for eight years and attended high school at Freedom High School in Freedom, Oklahoma, graduating in 1936.

Marjorie married Ernest Parker, son of E.E. and Bessie Parker in 1941 at Enid, Oklahoma. Ernest joined the Air Force in 1942 and while stationed in the state of Washington she spent six weeks with him before he went overseas. While he was overseas she lived with his parents on the Parker ranch northeast of Lookout, Oklahoma. When Ernest returned from overseas he was stationed at Tucson, Arizona and she went there to be with him. While living at Tucson she had surgery, having stones removed from one kidney. After Ernest was discharged from the Air Force they came back to Oklahoma and lived on the Parker ranch. (Ernest's father had passed away while he was overseas) One of the things Marjorie loved to do was cook. She was on a very strict diet the latter part of her life and was not able to eat most of the things she prepared but loved to cook for others. Approximately 1946 or 1947 she had to have surgery again, this time one kidney was removed. The one kidney remaining was the one that had stones removed from in earlier surgery. Her health seemed to go downhill after that and died of kidney failure at St. Joseph's Hospital in Wichita, Kansas in 1955. She is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery at Coldwater, Kansas.