



Mary Etoile Axelson

November 7, 1924 - November 9, 2019

Mary Etoile (Colborn) Axelson passed away peacefully with her daughters at her side on November 9, 2019, at the Valley View Senior Village, Ord, Nebraska, two days following her 95th birthday.

Service in Mary's honor will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at All Faiths Funeral Home. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Family burial will be held at Rosehill Cemetery in Palmer

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Mary was born to Hannah (Clarke) and Ben Colborn of Palmer, Nebraska on November 7, 1924. Mary attended elementary school at District 31 in Merrick County. She attended high school for 3 years at Central City High School, and one year at Fullerton High, where she graduated in 1942. Mary attended one year of college at Nebraska Christian College of Central City.

On June 2, 1943 Mary married Robert Held this union was blessed with six children.

Mary worked alongside Robert on the family farm near Archer. Following the family's move to Central City, Aurora and lastly Grand Island Mary put her hard work to use as the head cook at Parkplace Nursing Home and most recently, Century Manufacturing.

In 1973, Mary married Captain Stalker of Central City, who preceded her in death. In 1983, Mary married Conard Axelson of Topeka, KS. From this union Mary has one stepson, Kevin Axelson.

As a young person, Mary enjoyed riding her pony over hills, reading books,

and helping outside on the farm. Later in life, Mary enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, playing scrabble and words with friends.

Mary was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Grand Island. She is survived by her children, Leo Held of Minnesota, George Held (Carmen) of Colorado, William Held (Pam) and Monna Israel (Robert) both from New York, Pamela Schwensen (Bill) of Ord, and Kris Comer (Don) of Grand Island, Nebraska; step-son, Kevin Axelson of Texas; Mary has 22 living-grandchildren, 59 great- grandkids, and 4 great-great grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by her three husbands; first-born grandson, Marine SGT William James Schwensen, member of Reconnsissance, 3rd Division, when he was lost at sea; daughter-in-law, Karol Held; her step-daughters Connie Lou Johnson and Dawn Marie Henington; and step-son, Kenneth Axelson.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mary Etoile Axelson*



All Faiths Funeral Home - August 24, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *Mary Etoile Axelson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Mary was 2nd Mom to me when I was growing up. I probably spent as much time at the Held home as I did at my home. I still remember the Saturday night get togethers where my folks and Mary and Bob would play cards and all us kids would play together.*
Lila Kiser Bernth

Lila Kiser Bernth - July 30, 2021 at 07:14 PM



“ *I remember Mary Held very well, and went to country school with many of her children..we were close neighbors, and glad for it. Mary made the BEST homemade Root beer pop I've ever had!!*

Victoria Troastle - July 28, 2021 at 07:02 AM