



Shirley Faye Wolzen

January 15, 1935 - June 13, 2022

Shirley Faye Wolzen, 87, of Grand Island passed away on Monday, June 13, 2022.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in the Sanctuary on Friday, June 17, 2022. Pastor Carl Eliason will officiate. Visitation will be held one hour prior. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Minden Cemetery in Minden, NE. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Shirley was born on January 15, 1935 in Orleans NE, the sixth of nine children to Alvin and Ora (Kennedy) Steadman.

On September 25, 1950 she was united in marriage to Merlyn "Mert" Wolzen in Norton, Kansas. Together they were blessed with one son, Tracey Allen born on July 13, 1951, and two daughters, Nancy Alice born on July 10, 1952, and Kay Lynn born May 6, 1955. The family of five lived in Holdrege, Oxford, Edison, and Hendley, Nebraska before moving to a farm five miles west of Minden in 1958; here they farmed and raised their three children.

After the death of her husband in 1983, Shirley lived in Lexington and North Platte before moving to Grand Island. Shirley was employed as a waitress, a physical therapist in a long-term care facility, and as a crop adjuster before her final move to Grand Island. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church for a number of years, as well as the Auxiliary of the American Legion of Minden. Shirley will be lovingly remembered as a strong-willed and stubborn woman, who loved nothing more than her family. She was the glue of the family and always made Christmas so special for the kids, creating memories that will

last for generations to come. She was known for her kindness, goulash, and mashed potatoes.

Shirley was a wonderful Grandma and a beloved Nanna. She loved working in her garden with the grandchildren, whether they were canning vegetables or picking strawberries. She also loved to quilt and crochet baby blankets for her several grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Tracey (Elizabeth) Wolzen of Ottawa, KS; sons-in-law, Thomas Ott of McCook and Marlin Seyler of Grand Island; ten grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, one great great-grandchild; and her two sisters, LaVenna Jackson of Happy, TX and Marilyn Bashford of Mesa, AZ.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Mert Wolzen; daughters, Nancy Ott and Kay Lynn Seyler; grandchildren, Tammy Jo Seyler and Chris Ott; great-grandson, Ethan Ott; and six of her siblings.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Peace Lutheran
1710 N. North Rd
Grand Island, NE 68803

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

JUN 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Minden Cemetery
801 W 1st St.
Minden, NE 68959

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Faye Wolzen*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shirley Faye Wolzen.*



June 15, 2022 at 10:47 PM



“ *You were one classy lady dear sister. We have had many precious memories together. Memories no one can take away. Rest In Peace dear sister. Love, Marilyn Bashford*

Marilyn Bashford - June 15, 2022 at 10:04 PM