



Coleen Mae McLey

September 10, 1937 - June 22, 2015

Coleen Mae (Curren) McLey was born September 10, 1937 in York County, Nebraska to Lloyd and Gladys (Bowman) Curren. Coleen grew up in Bradshaw, Nebraska where she attended grade school. The family moved to Valley, Nebraska where she attended high school, graduating in 1955. As a young girl, Coleen enjoyed roller skating, taking part in plays, singing in the choir, and playing piano, something she could do by ear.

Coleen married Jack McLey on December 4, 1955 at the Baptist Presbyterian Church in Valley, Nebraska, and to this union, four children were born: Curtis Lee, Jack Scott, LeeAnn Michelle, and Mark Allen. Jack and Coleen lived briefly in Omaha and many years in Valley, before settling on an acreage north of Leshara, Nebraska, which they built themselves with the help of a few sub-contractors.

Coleen worked at Mutual of Omaha, Schweser's stores, was a Dodge girl, and assisted in analyzing handwriting, but she was most known for her twenty years working in the cafeteria at Valmont Industries. She was active as a Den Mother of Cub Scouts, Den 4 in Valley, served on various church committees, and the PTA, as well as taking part in Bunko Club. Coleen was a proud supporter of the Huskers, and gladly wore her favorite color red to show it. She enjoyed listening to country music or '50s rock and roll, and even sang in a successful country band, the Country Apollo's, with her brother Rol on

piano, and Joe Roberts on bass guitar. They had many guitarists and drummers over twenty years. One of the drummers was Rick Boardman; his family is long time family friends of the McLays. Coleen was always happy to go out for dinner with her friends on Friday night. She loved lobster and husband Jack's specialty: sauerkraut, dumplings, roast pork, and gravy. Later in life, Coleen could be found solving crossword puzzles, or playing solitaire on the computer. She appreciated sincerity, honesty, and authenticity, and could often be heard reminding her children of the Golden Rule, or encouraging them with, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." She also maintained, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

Coleen was a caring, thoughtful, ethical, funny, loyal, and loving woman, who cherished her family. She had a great sense of humor, and was fun to be around. She will be remembered as an honest and kind, caring woman who was a loyal friend and encouraging mother.

Coleen died unexpectedly at her home in Valley, Nebraska on Monday, June 22, 2015 at the age of 77 years, 8 months and 12 days. She was preceded in death by her husband Jack McLey, parents Lloyd & Gladys Curren, her brother Lennie Curren, and special niece Sue Sanders. Coleen is survived by her children: Curt (Debi) McLey of Omaha, Jack "Scott" (Stella) McLey of Ray City, GA, LeeAnn (Bill) Wilcox of Valley, NE, and Mark (Ann) McLey of Omaha; grandchildren: Eric McLey, Sammy (Brandon) Blacketer, Justin McLey, Jesse McLey-Rutiglan, Dustin (Emmalie) Wilcox, and Chelsea Wilcox; great grandson Wyatt Wilcox; brother Rol Curren of Ashland, NE; and many special nieces, nephews, and friends.

Coleen M. McLey, age 77, of Valley, NE died 6-22-15. Preceded in death by husband Jack McLey, parents Lloyd & Gladys Curren, and brother Lennie Curren. Survived by children: Curt (Debi) McLey of Omaha, Jack "Scott" (Stella) McLey of Ray City, GA, LeeAnn (Bill) Wilcox of Valley, NE, and Mark

(Ann) McLey of Omaha, grandchildren: Eric McLey, Sammy (Brandon) Blacketer, Justin McLey, Jesse McLey-Rutigan, Dustin (Emmalie) Wilcox, and Chlesea Wilcox, great grandson Wyatt Wilcox, brother Rol Curren of Ashland, NE, many nieces, nephews, and special friends.

Memorial service 10:30 AM Friday, United Faith Community Church, Valley, NE. No visitation. Inurnment Pleasant View Cemetery, Leshara, NE.

Memorials to the church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Coleen Mae McLey*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of Coleen. May the Lord wrap his arms around you and embrace you at this most difficult time. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless all of you! Love Carl and Karen Bowman*

Carl and Karen Bowman - June 29, 2015 at 09:13 AM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to the McLey family. We enjoyed knowing Coleen during the years that I worked for her husband Jack at The Crossroads and LeShara Trucking. Have many fond memories of those years. Also enjoyed going to various places when she sang in the country band. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.*

Jan & Bob Rishoi

Jan and Bob Rishoi - June 25, 2015 at 08:58 PM



“ *and Prayers to Coleen's Family. Coleen was a very nice lady. Remember her when she worked at Valmont in the cafeteria and helped with the Red Cross blood drives.*

Rich Porter - June 25, 2015 at 07:24 PM

JF

“ Dear Family,
So sorry for your loss, you are in my prayers and have been visiting with Dean and Danny and all the fun you guys had. Danny said "Your mom was so nice and he had a great time staying at your place".
So hard to say good bye to someone your loved for so long. I am recovering from back surgery and will not be able to come but know that you are in our prayers and have a special place for your mom in our hearts.

Joyce Egr & Family - June 25, 2015 at 12:48 PM

CF

“ Coleen will be greatly missed. Prayers out to the family. She was a great neighbor and friend.

Clara Hull and Family - June 25, 2015 at 10:06 AM

JL

“ Coleen was a wonderful person. We enjoyed working with her and visiting with her when she helped with the Blood Mobile at Valmont. Always a happy and a wonderful smile. She will be missed. Prayers go out to all of her family.

Jeannie Bergantzel & Danny LeBarge - June 24, 2015 at 05:14 PM

TH

“ So sorry to hear of Coleens passing. She is a wonderful person and we know how much she will be missed. To the whole McLey family you have our deepest condolences.

Tim & Sue Heanue - June 24, 2015 at 03:06 PM

TJ

“Offering sincere condolences to the family and friends. May you allow yourselves to be comforted by the wonderful promises our Heavenly Father guarantees will soon come about. (Rev.21:4,5)

TJ - June 24, 2015 at 11:23 AM