



Colleen Yvonne Geiser

July 31, 1932 - October 18, 2012

Colleen Yvonne (Wilson) Geiser was born on July 31, 1932 in Berwyn, Nebraska to Tom and Anna (Roessler) Wilson. Her family headed west to Oregon during the Great Depression, but had to settle in Idaho when they ran out of money. Colleen attended school in Idaho, before the family moved back to Nebraska. She attended junior high school in Bellevue, and graduated from Tekamah High School in 1949. Following high school, Colleen received her Teacher's Certificate after one year at Dana College. She continued to take classes, and ultimately earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Dana College in 1969, becoming the first person in her family to earn a college degree. Colleen's dad had her riding horses as early as age 1, and she grew into quite an accomplished horsewoman; both showing horses, and barrel riding. Colleen was also active and proficient at many sports, and played softball and basketball for Dana College.

Colleen married Floyd R. Geiser on January 27, 1951 at the Presbyterian Church in Fullerton, Nebraska and they were blessed with two children: Tom and Jane. Colleen and Floyd lived in Waterloo and Fremont before spending the last 40 years in Oakland, Nebraska. Floyd preceded her in death this past June.

Colleen taught for many years in the Waterloo, St. Edward, and Elkhorn, Nebraska school systems, before retiring in 1973, when she and Floyd moved to Oakland, Nebraska. While in Oakland, she helped Floyd with his seed corn business, and was a member of the Oakland Methodist Church. She was

proud to be the first woman elected to the Waterloo School Board from 1958-1962, and also co-started the "El CID" ladies golf tournament in Oakland. Colleen was a very talented woman. Anything that she tried, she did well. She enjoyed being active playing golf, fishing and bowling, but also was a talented painter, and even wrote a book about her family immigrating to the United States. Colleen enjoyed directing and acting in Oakland Community plays. She was a big fan of Nebraska football, and loved to travel, especially to Hawaii and her yearly trip with Floyd to Las Vegas. She was a stubborn, strong-willed woman, who always had a smile on her face, and was known to tell it like it was. Colleen was proud of her college degree and especially loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be remembered for her many talents, and for always being friendly and outgoing.

Colleen passed away on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at Valhaven Nursing Home in Valley, Nebraska at the age of 80 years, 2 months and 18 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Tom & Anna, grandson T.J. Geiser and great grandson David Hernandez, and husband Floyd. Colleen is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Tom and Virginia Geiser of Norfolk, Nebraska; and daughter Jane Simpson of Opelousas, Louisiana; grandchildren: Tony Medinger, Mandy Melancon, Nick Geiser, Tanya Hernandez, Jake Geiser, and Tracy McClinton; great grandchildren: Ciara Melancon, Bailey Melancon, Darius Geiser, Shayla Hernandez, Shania Hernandez, Tanya Hernandez, Kaylea Geiser, Abbygail Geiser, Trinity Geiser, Blake Adams and Caleb Adams, sister and brother-in-law Mary Lou and Garry Mason of Fullerton, NE, and niece Kelly and her husband, Dennis Zarek of Fullerton, NE.

Colleen Y. Geiser, age 80, formerly of Oakland, NE, died 10/18/12 in Valley, NE. Preceded in death by husband, Floyd. Survived by son and daughter-in-law Tom and Virginia Geiser of Norfolk, NE, and daughter Jane Simpson of Opeloufas, LA, 6 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, sister Mary Lou (Garry) Mason of Fullerton, NE, and niece Kelly (Dennis) Zarek of Fullerton, NE.

Funeral service Monday (10/22/12) 10:30 AM at the funeral home with interment at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn. Visitation 2-7 PM Sunday at the funeral home with family receiving friends from 5-7 PM. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ *Colleen Yvonne Geiser*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Dear Tom and all of Colleen's Family, I just read of your loss in the Custer County Chief. The obituary was a wonderful and accurate account of the Colleen who we knew. We always so enjoyed our time with her and your dad as we participated in activities and trips with the J. C. Robinson Seed Company. Colleen was full of fun, always ready for an adventure, and willing to pitch in to make something happen. There was never any question as to where she stood on any given issue and we respected her greatly for that. We know that she will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Our prayers are with each and every one of you at this time. May God richly bless you all. Sincerely, Rolan & Betty Sell*

Rolan & Betty Sell - October 26, 2012 at 09:53 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Colleen's Family. Colleen was a very good friend, classmate and a joy to be around. She always had a smile on her face and a great sense of humor. We all shared some great times growing up and attending high school in Tekamah. She was an important part of our 49' class and she will be greatly missed. She gave us courage, humor and importance of family and friends. We have been blessed with wonderful memories. God bless you Colleen and rest in peace.*

Stan Hale - October 20, 2012 at 12:15 PM