Sandra Elaine McWilliams
Jan. 7, 1939 - June 2, 2019
June 6, 2019

Sandra McWilliams, 80, of Deep River, passed away on Sunday, June 2 at Mercy Medical Center in Den Moines. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 6 at the Gateway Church of the Nazarene in Okahoon. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 5 at the Gateway Church of the Nazarene in Okahoon from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. with the family present. Burial will be in the Goldenrod Cemetery at Deep River. Memorials may be designated to the Gateway Church of the Nazarene Mission Fund or the Deep River Fire Department.

Sandra Elaine McWilliams was born Jan. 7, 1939, in Okahoon, Iowa to Opal (Stigger) Kitzman and Harvey Kitzman. She was raised in rural What Cheer, and graduated from South High in 1957. She was married to Richard (Dick) Abra McWilliams on June 16, 1957 at the Indianapolis Christian Church. In 1964, Richard and Sandra moved to the family farm, where they farmed in the Gibson-Deep River area. She was an active member of the Gateway Church of the Nazarene in Okahoon and she established a quilting club of church friends that met in her home twice a month. She enjoyed her time with church friends, her Sunday School group, weekend at Deep River, coffee time, her special community friends and past classmates. She was known for; baking, canning, and garden produce, pies for fund raisers, baked goods and always had the coffee pot ready for any visitors. Sandra and Dick enjoyed during their 62 years of marriage having with Alison-Chalmers equipment and collecting Allis-Chalmers memorabilia.

But her biggest treasure was her family that meant the world to her. Family reunions and holidays, yearly trips to the State Fair and family visits and phone calls brought special memories.

Sandra will be remembered by her four children: Doug (Joani) McWilliams of Lastinger, Diane (Tony) Erwin of Okahoon, Denise (Dow) DeVere of Carlisle, and Durin (Allan) McWilliams of Winterset; sister, Rita (Ed) Parvin of Maple; sister-in-law, Diane Kitzman of What Cheer; brother, Sid (Connie) Kitzman of What Cheer; sister, Linda Johnson of Delta; grandchildren: Joel (Steph) McWilliams, Kyle McWilliams, Alexis (Joel) Orfino, Angela Orfino, Maria (DI) Stuart, Danielle and Desure DeVere, Jade (Traci) Rodemeyer, Joel (Anndra) Rodemeyer, Tielor Erwin, Joshua DeVere, Stacey (Derek) Carter, Stephanie Cozad, and Chris (Angela) Cozad, great grandchildren: Aubree, Allivia, Ashlyn, Cole, Gavin, Tate, Hannah, Presley, Dax, Kash, Jaidyn, Levi, Aiden, Zoey, Evan, Ryan, Dexter, K.J., Chase and Avery.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Richard (Dick) McWilliams and brother Sam Kitzman.