

### MARY ANNAVIEVE WILEY

Mary Annavieve Wiley was born on January 24, 1938, in Murdo, S.D. She was the daughter of Rex Edward and Mary Opal (Hammond) Wiley. Mary grew up in the New Sharon area and graduated from New Sharon High School with the Class of 1955.



During high school, Mary played guard on the basketball team. The basketball team made it to the state quarter finals. There were no divisions at that time, and it was one of the first teams to play in the Veterans Auditorium in Des Moines.

On September 10, 1955, Mary and Jerry J. Dawley were united in marriage and had two babies who were born prematurely and five children: Jody Ann, Wade J, Suzette Kathryn, Connie Jean and Kelly Patrick.

Jerry was a football, basketball, track and baseball coach at the Melcher/Dallas and Tri-County School Systems from 1960-69, and they made their home in the New Sharon and Montezuma area where they also farmed. Jerry passed away on October 3, 1982, following a battle with cancer at the age of 44.

On June 3, 1988, she and Larry Eugene Toom were united in marriage at Pella. This marriage added three step-children to their family: Todd, Nancy and Carol. Mary owned and operated the boutique, AnnaVieves, in Pella and was a member of the Pella Garden Club and a bridge club. She volunteered for Hospice of Pella and sang in the church choir at the Second Reformed Church in Pella.

On Saturday morning, August 17, 2013, Mary passed away at the age of 75 at Jefferson Place in Pella where she had been a resident since July 2010.

Those who will cherish her memory are husband, Larry Toom, of Pella; her five children and their spouses: Jody and Payce Reynolds of Pella, Wade and Linda Dawley of New Sharon, , Suzette and Dennis Van Vark of Pella, Connie and Scott Whitehead of New Sharon, Kelly and Misti Dawley of Montezuma; her step-children: Todd and Milli Toom of Pella, Nancy Toom of West Des Moines, Carol and David Higginbotham of Bend, Ore.; 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; a special sister-in-law, Bev (Dawley) Pargeon-Peck of New Sharon; multiple nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Jerry J. Dawley and their two premature babies; her parents, Rex and Opal Wiley; two brothers who died in infancy; her brother, William Edward Wiley and her sister, Kathryn Karen, and her husband, Alexander Drazin.

Mary had a quick wit, ready smile and loving arms. Her strong faith guided her. She always said, "You take life as it comes to you, remember there is someone that always has been dealt more."

Mass of Christian Burial services were held on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pella. Arrangements were handled by Van Dyk - Duven Funeral Home in Pella.

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