

Claudia Marie Obermiller
Sept. 24, 1946 - Apr. 9, 2020

Claudia Marie (Garrett) Obermiller, 73, of Farwell, NE passed away on Thursday, Apr. 9, at CHI Health St. Francis in Grand Island due to complications from the COVID-19 virus.



Claudia was born Sept. 25, 1946, in Montezuma, (Poweshick County) the only child of Everett and Helen Marie (Bone) Garrett.

During her childhood she lived on farms near Deep River and Montezuma. She attended grade school in Deep River and Montezuma and graduated from Des Moines Tech. High in 1964. She attended college at Northwest School of Medical Technology in Minneapolis, MN, and graduated in 1966. After college she worked for Sacred Heart Hospital in Loup City. She lived with the John and Rose Koperski family in Farwell while working in Loup City and loved their family.

Claudia was united in marriage to Jerry Eugene Obermiller on Nov. 16, 1968, at St. Peders Faith Lutheran Church in Nysted. They lived in Farwell for two years and then moved to the family farm southwest of Farwell where she continued to live. In recent years due to failing health, she was in several different nursing homes in the area.

Due to the generous hearts of Claudia and Jerry, two children were adopted by them; Christy Marie in 1975, and Patrick Shane in 1980.

Claudia was never a city person, always a deep-hearted country girl and very proud to be a farm wife and livestock producer. She loved being a Mom and cherished her family and friends. She enjoyed being outside with her cattle, horses and chickens. Her greatest passion was raising her purebred kittens for many years.

She spent many hours at her computer researching her family history through her love of genealogy. She enjoyed going to many elementary schools and talking to the students about Native Americans and American history. She spent many hours watching her favorite show, "Gunsmoke." It was always a treat for her to visit her longtime classmate and friend, Judy Rodish, in Iowa.

She was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Dannebrog.

She is survived by her son, Patrick Obermiller of Grand Island.

Claudia was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Obermiller, on Nov. 15, 2006; daughter, Christy Obermiller, on June 27, 1988; her father and mother, Everett and Helen Garrett; stepfather, Russell Tobis; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Elmer and Frieda Obermiller; grandparents, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

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