

Obituaries . . .

Colleen "CoCo" Coe Wiley

July 7, 1929 - May 13, 2023



Colleen "CoCo" Coe Wiley passed away May 13, 2023, at Mahaska County Serenity Hospice House following a hip fracture and surgery the week prior.

Colleen "CoCo" Coe Wiley was born July 7, 1929, in New Sharon,, to Roy and Jess 'Nichols' Coe.

She attended New Sharon school system until the 8th grade at which time she was needed at home to care for, cook and clean for her father and brothers who owned the local saw mill. Colleen's mother, Jess, passed away when CoCo was only 7 yrs old.

Colleen met 'the love of her life' Garland Wiley at the local roller rink and married November 10, 1955, at the justice of the peace in Chillicothe, Missouri. The two started farming in the Poweshiek County area on several different farms later moving to various farms in the Mahaska County area. Colleen could always be found driving tractors, planting & sowing oats and baling hay.

Their true passion was raising Quarter horses and her prize possession was her stallion Dandy Bar Money.

Weekends you would find Colleen running barrels with Garland's stallion Captain and showing her mare Goldie in shows, in parades or on midnight trail rides with Garland and her kids.

Colleen loved being a farm wife and mother more than anything. She was an active Bible School and Sunday School teacher at the Methodist church in Malcom and was a member of the WCTU, Women's Christian Temperance Union, Busy Bees and other farmers' wives social club and as a family they were members of the Deep River Saddle Club.

Colleen was a cook at North Mahaska Elementary School which was not a job to her as she thoroughly enjoyed the ladies and the children. She was known as the best cook and baker around

Later she was employed at Diamond Life County Home as cook and baker and McGriff's Greenhouse in New Sharon. She and Garland raised several breeds of dogs as one of the business ventures. Colleen joyfully babysat each of her three granddaughters also living in New Sharon along with DeLaney and Jaxon. One of her favorite times of day was coffee time with her older sister Georgia and niece Marla Jo.

Colleen is survived by her children: Tim and Marj Morris of Oolagah, Oklahoma, Roger and Kathy Wiley of Hominy, Oklahoma and Cyndy (Wiley) and Roger Gay of Oskaloosa. Grandchildren: Miranda (Hanselman) and Josh Johnson, Agustis and Paisley of Kirkville, Iowa; Anna Cherise (Hanselman) and Pete Panada, Cherise, Joey, Cheyenne, Weslynn and Silas of Newton, Iowa; Alexis (Hanselman) and Jake Beck, Wiley and Brooke of Sabula, Iowa. Jill, Melissa, Jessica and Bethany, their spouses and children and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband and best friend Garland, parents Roy and Jess Coe, brothers and sisters-in-law: RoyDean and Shirley Coe, Roger and Cinny Coe, and

Wayne. Sisters and brothers-in-law: Georgia and Lowell Deming, Garnett and Archie Sinclair, Marie and Jimmy Kenworthy, Dolly and twins Bertine & Darrell