

Shubert , NE

Merna (Jeannine) Hanika was born May 13, 1929, in Barada, NE. She was the daughter of Frank and Laura (Sailors) Shafer. Jeannine graduated from Fairfax, MO high school in 1947.

On August 25, 1952 Jeannine married Earl (Gene) Hanika at Falls City. To this marriage three daughters were born. Gene and Jeannine raised their girls on a farm near Shubert, NE.

Jeannine was a dedicated farm wife and she and Gene did everything together traveling far and wide. She ran the restaurant in Shubert for several years as well as the Sweet Tooth at the entrance to the Indian Cave State Park. They attended many rodeo events and Jeannine loved to watch Gene and his roping buddies, traveling far and wide. She ran the restaurant in Shubert for several years as well as the Sweet Tooth at the entrance to the Indian Cave State Park. In addition to this, she sold Avon in the local area for 30 years.

Jeannine passed away on January 24, 2016 at Colonial Acres in Humboldt, NE, having resided there since Gene's passing. During her time there she enlightened the nursing home residents, the staff and all who visited. She loved joking and teasing with everyone and had "no filter", saying exactly what was on her mind, whenever and wherever.

Survivors include her two daughters, Tonda (Ronald) Jones of West Des Moines, IA; Kimberly (Randy) Dunn of Shubert, NE; son-in-law, Junior Dunn of Dodge City, KS; 5 grandchildren; Wade (Amy) Dunn of Dodge City, KS; Reed Dunn of Seattle, WA; Timothy (Maria) Stanley of Crystal, MN; Shayla (Bobby) Hammer and Evan (Hillary) Dunn of Shubert, NE; 4 great-grandchildren; Payton and Colt Dunn, Penelope Stanley, and Lane Dunn. She is further survived by her brother, Richard Shafer of Wilber, NE and sister, Reva (Gene) Marquez of Shubert, NE; her sister-in-law, Connie Shafer of Auburn, NE and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jeannine was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 60 years, Gene Hanika, in 2013; her daughter, Marla Dunn in 2008 and her siblings; triplet sisters and brother in infancy and Delman Shafer and Karen Painovich.

Her funeral will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 2:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Reverend Gene Rowell officiating. Interment will be in Harris Cemetery at Barada.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 6-8:00 PM at the home of Kimberly Dunn, 204 1st Street, Shubert.

There will be no visitation or viewing