



Sharon Ann Griess, 86

January 17, 1938 - January 17, 2024

Sutton, NE resident Sharon Ann Griess, 86, passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2024, on her 86th birthday at the Sutton Community Home in Sutton, NE.

In honoring Sharon's wish to be cremated no public services will be held. A private graveside service will be conducted at the Sutton Cemetery. In her honor, we invite you to wear purple as this was her favorite color.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Sutton Community Home or York Adopt-A-Pet.

Sharon was born on January 17, 1938, to Ervin & Verna (Griess) Schmer at the Sutton Hospital in Clay Co. Nebraska. Several years later Sharon became a big sister to Gary Schmer. Sharon's favorite thing to do as a child was to play with her animals, even dressing them up and pushing them around in the baby stroller. The family lived just a couple miles east of Sutton, in Fillmore Co. until Sharon met and married Wesley 'Wes' Griess in September of 1954 at her parents' home. Once married she didn't move far, only a mile south, initially living in the garage while they built the family home. During her marriage to Wes, they had three children: Jerlyn Sue, Brenda Lee, and Wesley Wayne. As an adult, on top of taking care of her children, she worked other jobs including being at the beck and call to Wes whom worked the farm

around them. There are many stories she would talk about her time working with Wes. Sharon's jobs off the farm were working the bomb line in Grand Island, cooking at Skyliner Café in Sutton, making wedding cakes, and later cooking at the Sutton Nursing home where the residents enjoyed her home-cooked meals. When she wasn't working you could find her at home either sewing, gardening, painting, other craft projects, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Wes died in March 2010 after a short fight with cancer. Retirement was good to Sharon, allowing her to spend more time in her sewing room sewing, raising her two cats (Lucy & Hermione) and playing with her great-grandchildren. Sharon was very proud to be able to pass on her love of cooking, and her prized recipes, to her great granddaughters. In 2013, Sharon moved into Sutton because the farm was too much to manage on her own. For the past 10 years when asked what she was going to do with her time, Sharon responded with "whatever I want to do" which could have meant sewing, watching the birds outside, working in her raised garden, or just sitting in her chair with her cat(s) watching the Hallmark Channel.

Sharon was a member of Way of Grace Fellowship in Sutton.

Sharon is survived by her

Daughter, Jerlyn (John) Williams – Jason Domeier: Kaytlyn & Jason Jr.

John Wesley (Tori) Williams: Bella & Trenton: Jon and Tristen

Daughter, Brenda (David) Winter – Ryan & Amy Winter: Kaitlyn and fiancé

Gordon Gulbrandson, Whitney, & Elyzabeth

Sarah Winter: Liam

Son, Wes (Kim) Griess – Kelli Griess: Emmalyn

Garrett (Dona) Griess: Briella & Ryker

Brother, Gary (Deb) Schmer

Numerous brothers/sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and Maize

She was preceded in death by her parents, Verna & Ervin Schmer; her husband, Wesley Griess; brothers/sisters-in-law; and Lucy & Hermione her beloved cats.

Cemetery Details

Sutton Cemetery

1202 N. Saunders Ave
Sutton, NE 68979

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Sharon’s passing. She was a great neighbor.
Always had pretty flowers out front!
Virginia Carlson

virginia carlson - January 18, 2024 at 01:04 PM

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She was amazing with my kids. Sorry to see her pass.

Michelle Roth - January 19, 2024 at 08:40 PM