



Sharon Lucille Stark

June 13, 1939 - July 22, 2016

Clay Center resident, Sharon Lucille Stark, 77, passed away peacefully Friday, July 22, 2016, at her home in Clay Center after a lengthy battle with ovarian cancer.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at the United Church of Christ in Clay Center, NE., with Rev. Kathryn Bates officiating. Interment will follow at the Clay Center Cemetery in Clay Center, NE. Visitation will be Tuesday, from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., with the family present from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Clay Center.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Clay Center United Church of Christ, the Morrison Cancer Center in Hastings, NE., or the Nebraska Lions Club Foundation.

Sharon was born in Alliance, NE., to Timothy and Esther (Nation) McDonald. She graduated from Alliance High School in 1957. She married John Stark in Alliance, NE., on August 24, 1958. The Family moved to Clay Center, NE., in 1966. Sharon worked as a secretary at Clay Center Public Schools, Clay County Extension Office, Clay County Treasurers Office, USDA Farm & Home Administration, and retired from the USDA Meat Animal Research Center.

Sharon enjoyed spending time with her large family and traveling, especially

to International Lions Club Conventions. She was an active member of the Clay Center United Church of Christ where she served on several different boards and committees. She enjoyed gardening and canning her home grown produce. Sharon's family especially enjoyed her homemade jams. She was also known for her organizational skills. Her large toothpick holder collection was numbered and cataloged with the information of when and where she purchased each piece and the cost. She was a long time member of the Chat 'N Do Home Extension Club.

Sharon is survived by her husband, John; three children, Greg and wife Beth Stark of College Station, TX; Lynn and husband David Sterkel of Sutton, NE; Brian and wife Vicki Stark of Tempe, AZ; six grandchildren, Michael Stark; Katie Sterkel Griess; Evan Sterkel; Rebecca, Randy, and Roger Stark; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Tom and Wife Betty McDonald; George and Wife Dorothy McDonald; and Jerry McDonald; four sisters, Esther and Arnold Rogers; Elaine Heisey; Helen and Kenny White; and Kathy and Joe Keaton; numerous nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, an infant brother, Robert McDonald, and Brother, Francis McDonald.

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Uncle John, Lynn, Greg, Brian and families,*

So sorry to hear of Sharon's passing. Wish I could be there with you to honor Sharon and share memories of the wonderful years we had growing up. Who can forget all our adventures at your home in Clay Center, Grandma's in Alliance, and your visits with us in Rapid City. How our parents, aunts and uncles kept that large pack of children under control is beyond me! I will be thinking about all of you and Aunt Sharon! Love and miss you! Love Kathy

Kathleen Stiles - July 28, 2016 at 11:32 AM

GR

“ *I'm very sorry to hear about Sharon. My thoughts and prayer are with your whole family during this time.*

Gail Roubinek - July 27, 2016 at 07:29 AM

LS

“ *John and family, we will be out of state, so unable to attend Sharon's funeral but you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Lee and Alyce Sherman - July 26, 2016 at 02:38 PM

JP

“ *Sharon was like another grandmother to me growing up. She always had a kind word and time to talk and give valuable advice. Please know she will be missed but not forgotten in our hearts.*

Jodi and Todd Patrick - July 25, 2016 at 05:02 PM

JC

“ *Brian, Stark family
Your Friends at Hensley/AIM are sorry for your lost, our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.*

John Casey - July 25, 2016 at 10:40 AM

NS

“ *Seems like just yesterday we were still living in Clay Center; so many special people there I called my friend - prayers for all the Stark family!*

Nancy Schanbacher - July 25, 2016 at 07:06 AM

EM

“ *John and family , in 1971 and in coming years you and Sharon made us feel like family! She was so special, and I remember all the times you made a newly married couple less lonely so far from home! So very sorry for your loss. Beth Moore (Larry)*

Elizabeth Moore - July 24, 2016 at 11:32 PM

JJ

“ *As I was growing up, my aunt Sharon made me feel so much a part of her family. My visits to Clay Center were full of joy and mirth. My prayers are with John, Greg, Lynn & Brian. I love all of you.*

Joe Keaton Jr. - July 24, 2016 at 06:27 PM

DF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We hope you can find comfort in memories that have been made.*

Darren & Annette Soucie (Platek) and family - July 24, 2016 at 12:37 PM

AD

“ John and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your tragic loss of Sharon. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Prayers are being said in her name and the family too. Love to You all.
Alan

Alan P. Danbom - July 24, 2016 at 08:32 AM

SZ

“ Brian, Stark Family & loved ones,
Praying our Heavenly Father will wrap His arms of comfort around you as we surround you with our prayers.
"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14:18

Steve & Jodi (Heins) Zaura - July 23, 2016 at 10:34 PM

CM

“ Our family has such fond memories of Sharon. Sending prayers of comfort as you travel through the loss of such a wonderful woman.

Carol Eastin Mack - July 23, 2016 at 08:27 PM

CA

“ Keeping Sharon's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Connie and Tim Abell - July 23, 2016 at 06:24 PM

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“ We are sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family

Patric & Liz Benavidz (Cook) - July 23, 2016 at 05:01 PM