

Remembrance

Vonda Lorraine Koch, 90

April 5, 1929 - August 17, 2019

MINDEN – Vonda Schories Koch was born on April 5, 1929 on a farm in Harrison County to her parents, Gustav and Bertha (Ronfeldt) Schories. She was the fourth of eight children. She attended country school by Portsmouth and graduated from Tennant High School in Tennant in 1947. In her junior and senior years, Vonda played on the basketball team. After graduation, Vonda was a live-in housekeeper for Dr. Patterson, the veterinarian



in Minden. It was while working for Dr. Patterson that Vonda met John Koch. They were married on August 20, 1950 at the Minden Congregational Church.

They started their married life on John's family farm, south of Neola. There they raised three children, one daughter Sheila, and two sons, Robert and Timothy. Vonda was a homemaker and helped John with every aspect of farming for the first 20 years of marriage. Then she took a job as a cook at the County Home in McClelland for seven and one-half years. In August of 1978, Vonda opened her own cafe in Neola. Over the years she went on to work at several restaurants. In 1994 she started working at Oriental Trading Company and then retired in 1999.

Vonda was a member of the Minden United Church of Christ, Go Getters, and Friendly Links. She also spent many years on various church committees. She was also named Farm Bureau Woman of Year.

Vonda passed away on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan attaining the age of 90 years, four months, and 12 days.

Vonda was preceded in death by her husband John Koch, parents, brothers Alfred, Alvin and Alton, sisters Irene Potter and Jean Young.

To mourn her loss are Sheila Pedersen, Robert (Cindy) Koch; Timothy (Doreen) Koch; two grandchildren, Nancy (Craig) Lantz, Brenda Henry; three step grandchildren, John (Wendy) Hansen, Clint (Danielle) Hansen, Andrea Hansen; four great grandchildren; four step great grandchildren; sisters Betty Irlbeck of Arizona; JoAnn Chapman of Illinois; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

A 10:30 AM funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at the Minden United Church of Christ in Minden with Pastor Brian Wohlfuter officiating the service. Jim Pope served as honorary casket bearer. Tom Trede, Alfred Schories, Jr., Tony Schories, Craig Lantz, John Hansen and Clint Hansen served as casket bearers. Interment was held at the Minden Cemetery in Minden, Iowa.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca was in charge of arrangements.

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