

Ardelle Lorene (Dillon) Sheets

1930-2016

Ardelle Lorene (Dillon) Sheets passed away Tuesday, November 29, 2016, in Loveland, Colorado, at her home holding the love of her life's hand. She was born June 27, 1930, to Loren LeRoy and Alice (Enevoldsen) Dillon on Garfield Table near Gandy, Nebraska, in Logan County. She was the oldest of seven children.

Ardelle attended rural school through 8th grade; she graduated from Arnold High School in 1947. She then attended Kearney State Teachers College (University of Nebraska at Kearney) for two summers while teaching in rural schools for six years, quitting in May of 1953. She met many special families while teaching at rural Loyal School. Some of her students were only three years younger than she was!

Ardelle married David Sheets on December 26, 1952, at the Arnold United Methodist Church. To this union three children were born: Carol, Tom and Steve, who passed away in 2012.

Ardelle, Dave and their two-month-old daughter Carol moved to Casper, Wyoming, in December of 1953. She taught kindergarten in Casper from September 1961 to May 1965. She loved to read and passed that on to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ardelle, Dave and their children moved to Loveland, Colorado, on March 20, 1971. Ardelle and Dave have lived in the same home since 1971. Many wonderful memories have been made in that home over all the years, and there are many more to come.

Ardelle is survived by daughter Carol (Al) Ahnstedt, son Tom Sheets; grandchildren Nicole (Andrew) Vasquez, Chad (Sarah) Ahnstedt, Shawna (Scott) Cowen, Kaleena (Tanner) Kaiser, and Jamie (Daniel) Mohr; 11 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews; siblings Russ (Cheryl), Darrell (Ginger), Craig (Marshal) and Alison Dillon. Preceding her in death were her brother Jerry and wife Betty; sister Janet and husband Harold Richards, as well as her parents.

Services were held Monday,

December 5, at the Arnold United Methodist Church with pastor Irving Jennings officiating.

Pallbearers were Andrew Vasquez, Scott Cowen, Tanner Kaiser, Daniel Mohr, Gary Larreau, Kevin Dillon, Eric Linnemeyer and Brad Sheets. Honorary pallbearers were Tom Sheets; Chad Ahnstedt; and Russell, Darrell and Craig Dillon.

Burial was at the Arnold Cemetery.

Memorials in her name may be made to Finch Memorial Library or the Arnold Cemetery in care of Tiff Varney at Arnold Funeral Home.