

Obituary

Sherry L. Davenport 1939-2015

Sherry L. Davenport, 75, passed away on May 19, 2015, at her home near Arnold, Nebraska, surrounded by her family.

She was born December 29, 1939, to Darrel and Freda (Bow-

ers) Hircock at their farm home near Arnold, Nebraska, the second of four children. She attended elementary school at country schools near Arnold, and was a 1957 graduate of Arnold High School.

On January 19, 1958, Sherry married the love of her life, James Davenport. From this union, nine children were born: Julie (Randy) Bailar, Jeani Davenport, Joni (Mike) Claymon, JoDee Kimball, Dan Davenport, Jennifer (Jeff) Drey, Michael Davenport, Jimmy Davenport, and Jacque (Ryan) Porter.

After a short time in Denver, Colorado, where Sherry was baptized into the Catholic faith, the couple made their home in Arnold, Nebraska. A few years after their marriage, they moved to the farm, where she spent the remainder of her life. In addition to being a patient and loving wife and mother, she enjoyed helping Jim with many of the farming and ranching activities, including planting a seed corn test plot one Mother's Day.

Sherry's life was one of service. As a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church, she took great joy in sharing the gifts God gave her such as singing, helping prepare meals, and teaching the youngsters.

Sherry could do the impossible when it came to cooking. Once, less than two hours before dinner time, Jim brought home a huge snapping turtle for her to cook. She grabbed her axe and sure enough, she turned it into a delicious meal in record time.



Most summer days would find Sherry busy in her large garden. She fed her family well with the work of her hands and the blessings she was given. She spent many hours at her sewing machine making creative clothing and costumes for her children. Many evenings were spent playing cards or board games with her family and friends. Nobody could beat Sherry at a game of Scrabble.

After her children were grown, Sherry became a Mary Kay consultant. She delighted in helping others look and feel their best.

Later in life, Sherry joined the Arnold Redhatters. She was known for some of the crazy red and purple fashion statements she made as part of this fun-loving group of ladies.

Sherry also cherished the time she spent with her many grandchildren, teaching them the joys of making pancakes and cinnamon rolls. She made each one feel special by having them sleepover for several days at a time.

Sherry was preceded in death by her parents, infant sister, Lavonne; son, Michael; and grandson, Andrew.

Left to cherish the memories she gave us are her husband, James; her mother-in-law, Mary Davenport; her sisters, Lavilla Estabrooks (Marvin Adams) and Marlene Flodman; her children; her grandchildren, Bridget (Les) Anthony, Chandini Dahlberg, Brian Claymon, Calvin, Nicci, Mason, Mac and Lexie Drey, Kacey and Charlie Porter, Angelina Harter and Austin Davenport; and a host of relatives and friends.

Memorials, in Sherry's

honor, may be sent to: Sherry L. Davenport Memorial Fund, 41439 Road 798, Arnold, NE 69120.

Services were held Tuesday, May 26, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arnold. Father Thomas Gudipalli and Father James Novakowski were the celebrants.

Music was by Dawn Lewis and Joann Pandorf. Selections were: "Prayer of St. Francis," "Freely," "I'm The Bread of Life," and "Be Not Afraid."

Reader was Margaret Ann Mills.

Communion was by Rick and Kim Beshaler.

Servers were Kylie Lehmkuhler and Stella Lewis.

Pallbearers were: Randy Bailar, Jeff Drey, Mike Claymon, Brian Claymon, Ralph Nansel, Tom Kimball, Duane Doty and Ryan Porter.

Honorary pallbearers were: Shandie Reiser, LeAnn Kenner, Marion Chesley, Cindy Halstead, Pat Turley, Janice Zerwig, Mary Andre, Mary Amos, Hannah Powell and Mindy Peterson, and the Redhatters.

Interment in the Arnold Cemetery, Arnold, Nebraska.

Arnold Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.