



## Detta M. Shanahan

November 30, 2015 - November 30, 2015

Detta M. Shanahan, 80, of Axtell passed away at her home Monday, November 30, 2015. Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, December 4, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Prince of Peace Catholic Church with Fr. Joe Hannappel officiating, and burial to follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Axtell. A wake service will be Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. There will be no visitation, as Detta's wishes were to have a closed casket. Memorials are suggested AseraCare Hospice, A.R.C., or the family to designate later.

Detta was born November 9, 1935 in rural Harlan County to James and Ruth Ann (Keslar) Howsden. After her mother passed away in a house fire when she was six months old, Detta was adopted by Orville and Lucille (Van Matre) Murphy. She graduated from Loomis High School in 1953, and then attended Nursing School in Kearney. Detta worked as a L.P.N. at Kearney Clinic until retiring in 1994. Detta married James R. Shanahan on October 25, 1954 at All Saints Catholic Church in Holdrege. They made their home north of Axtell. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Kearney, and was a member of Catholic Daughters. She enjoyed reading and taking care of people.

Detta is survived by her daughters, Jean Carranza-Valdez of Colorado Springs, CO, Mary Stubbs of Axtell, NE, Katy Shiers and her husband Mick of

Kearney, NE; sons, Jim Shanahan and wife Terri of Axtell, NE, Richard Shanahan and husband Michael Tune of Washington, D.C.; sister-in-law Helen Strasburger and husband Dave of Bloomfield, CO; biological sister Doris Ann Samson of Denver, CO; half-sisters, Janna Zander and husband Jon of Las Vegas, NV, Pam Ahlman and husband Shannon of St. Libory, NE; grandchildren, Tara Smith and husband Jimmy, Joseph Stubbs, Malory Arnhold and husband Adam, Sara Holloway and husband Tanner, Steven, Alison, and Seth Shiers; and five great grandchildren.

Detta was preceded in death by her husband, son Tommy, grandson Michael, sons-in-law Pedro Carranza, and Levy Valdez.

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# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 3. 7:30 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Detta M. Shanahan*

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January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM