

Bernice (Pfeifer) Rhea, daughter of Frank and Mary (Seib) Pfeifer was born in Ellis County on February 10, 1929 and she went home to be with God on March 11, 2017.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Richard "Dick" of the home, daughters Rhonda Haislip and Chet Morris of Kingman Arizona, Donna and Gary Haislip of Wallace, Kansas, Amie and Jay Sharp of Sharon Springs, Kansas and son, Kurt and Cheri Rhea of Litchfield Park, Arizona. 10 Grandchildren: Lorie and Pat Reed, Salina, Kansas, Justin and Michele Haislip, Sharon Springs, Kansas, Travis Haislip and Jennifer Lacount, San Diego California, Jodi and Daran Chaput, Olathe, Kansas, Casey and Megan Rhea, Litchfield Park Arizona, Keith and Ashlee Rhea, Windsor, Colorado, Breanna Sharp, Hays Kansas and Tyler Sharp of Hays Kansas, Step-grandchildren AJ Ita, Omaha, Nebraska, and Marti Ita, Lawrence, Kansas. 15 Great-grandchildren: Cody Reed of Gardner, Kansas, Trey Haislip and Carli Haislip, Sharon Springs, Josh Reed, Salina Kansas, Dawson and Dustin Haislip, San Diego, California, Morgan, Malin and Grant of Olathe Kansas, Lexi, Kendall and Cadence Rhea, Litchfield Park, Arizona, Kaylee and Braxton Rhea, Windsor, Colorado and Jaelyn Ita, Wallace Kansas; 2 brothers George Pfeifer, Omaha, Nebraska and Lefty and Carol Pfeifer, Salina Kansas and 1 sister in law Lilly Pfeifer Hays Kansas, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, 1 sister, Velma Dreiling, 4 brothers Jr, Eugene, Bob and Al, granddaughter and grandson-in-law Tricia and Thad Ita and step-grandson, Jake Ita.

She attended school in Hays, Kansas and graduated from Wallace County High School in Sharon Springs, Kansas. She married Richard "Dick" Rhea on December 28, 1949 in Sharon Springs. She enjoyed traveling with her husband as he participated in the sports of car racing and horse racing. She truly loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was always there for her children and grandchildren at their school activities and sporting events. Her happiest times were at family gatherings.

She was a member of the Mothers Club, Pinochle Club and the Holy Ghost Altar Society. She spent time as a CCD teacher and helped with Boy Scouts and she always wanted to be an Eucharistic Minister, but by the time the church allowed women, she said she was getting too old.

Her beautiful life was full of fun and family and she leaves all of us so many precious memories that we all will cherish forever.

## *In Loving Memory of*



*Bernice Marie Rhea*

*February 10, 1929 ~ March 11, 2017*

# Join us in Celebrating the Life of Bernice Marie Rhea

Wife of Dick

Mother of Rhonda, Donna, Kurt and Amie

## Entered this life

February 10, 1929      Ellis County, Kansas

## Departed this life

March 11, 2017      Sharon Springs, Kansas

## Vigil Service

Monday, March 13, 2017 6:30 PM MT

Holy Ghost Catholic Church

Father Kyle Berens - Officiant

Nikki Popp - Musician

## Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:30 AM MT

Holy Ghost Catholic Church

Father Norbert Dlabal - Officiant

Donna Haislip, Jaelyn Ita, Kristie See & Jillian Korte - Musicians

## Interment

Sharon Springs Cemetery, Sharon Springs, Kansas

## Pallbearers

Scott Miller	Skip David	Dennis Sharp
Lonnie Charles	Larry Pfiefer	Chance Rains

## Honorary Pallbearers

Pat Reed	Justin Haislip	Travis Haislip	
Daran Chaput	Casey Rhea	Keith Rhea	Tyler Sharp

## *Remember Me*

*Remember me when flowers bloom*

*Early in the spring*

*Remember me on sunny days*

*In the fun that summer brings.*

*Remember me in the fall*

*As you walk through the leaves of gold*

*And in the wintertime ~ remember me*

*In the stories that are told.*

*But most of all remember*

*Each day ~ right from the start*

*I will be forever near*

*For I live within your heart.*

## Memorial Contributions

Memorials are designated to the Holy Ghost Catholic Church  
and may be left at the service or mailed to

Koons-Russell Funeral Home,  
211 N. Main Ave., Goodland, KS 67735.

*Arrangements are entrusted to Koons-Russell Funeral Home, Sharon Springs, Kansas.*

*For safety in procession to the cemetery, please turn vehicle lights on.*

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