

Shirley Alvarez, 82

July 28, 1927 - June 6, 2010

KIRKMAN — Shirley Lavonne Alvarez, daughter of Gerhart and Grace (Gaer) Petersen, was born on July 28, 1927, in a farm house two miles west of Redline. She was baptized at the Church of Christ in Redline, and attended Jackson Township Country School #9.

November 21, 1943, Shirley was united in marriage to Ray Ronfeldt. After their wedding, Shirley and Ray made their home in Irwin. To this union five children were born: Sandra, Ron, Connie, Kimberly, and Angela. In January 1964, Ray was killed in an automobile accident. After Ray's death, Shirley remained in Irwin for a short time. Shirley worked as a nurse's aide

at several area nursing homes and hospitals. She was a very giving person and always helped her elderly neighbors with anything they needed.

September 23, 1978, Shirley was united in marriage to Francisco Alvarez in Watson, MO. After their wedding, Shirley and Francisco made their home in Kirkman. Shirley enjoyed quilting, cooking, playing guitar, and spending time with her family and friends. Shirley died on Sunday, June 6, 2010, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having attained the age of eighty-two years, ten months, and nine days.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents and first husband, Ray. She is survived by her husband Francisco Alvarez of Kirkman; her children: Sandra and her husband Jerry Beals of Mingo; Ron Ronfeldt and his wife Sandra of Harlan; Connie Ronfeldt of Sun City, AZ; Kimberly Ronfeldt and her fiancé Rex Doty of Denison; Angela Ronfeldt and her partner Mary Weyand of Haysville, KS; ten grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; her brothers Lyle Petersen and his wife Wava of Elk Horn; and Arlo Petersen and his wife Barbara of Tama; nieces; nephews; other family members and many friends.

Private graveside services were held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. Kirk Petersen, minister of Community of Christ Church in Harlan, officiated the 10:00 a.m. service.



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