



Alice Ilene Wales

December 16, 1941 - July 16, 2023

Alice Ilene Wales, age 81, of Bussey, IA, passed away on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at the Comfort House in Pella, IA.

Alice was born on December 16, 1941, at home on the farm in Waukon, IA, to Nick and Cora (Visser) DeJong. She grew up attending school in Tracy, IA. On January 1, 1960, she was united in marriage to John T. Wales at the Methodist Church Parsonage in Bussey, and to this union, 4 children were born, John, Raymond, Roger, and Bonnie. Alice and John were blessed with 62 years of marriage prior to John's passing on December 23, 2022.

Alice was a homemaker, staying at home to raise her children and help her husband on the farm where they had a cow/calf operation and she milked the cows by hand. She later went to work as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) at West Ridge Specialty Care in Knoxville before the Marion County Home and finished her career at the VA Hospital in Knoxville.

Alice was an excellent cook, known for her baked beans and orange delight salad, and hosting Sunday family dinners where all were welcome. Alice loved her family and cherished all of the time she spent with them.

Alice is survived by 2 sons, Raymond (Janet) Wales of Hiteman, IA and Roger Wales of Bussey, IA; a daughter, Bonnie (Rick) Bartell of Bussey, IA; 2

stepchildren, Kevin Van Weelden of Knoxville, IA and Kathy Jo (Denny) Crook of Knoxville, IA; 24 grandchildren; 22 grandchildren; and 3 siblings, Darlene Gray, Donna Blevins, and Mary Lou Ellis. Alice is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and good friends.

Alice is preceded in death by her husband, John T. Wales; a son, John L. Wales; her parents, Nick and Cora DeJong; 3 sisters, Marlene Kenoyer, Nellie Reimersma, and Anna Barton; and 3 brothers, Pete, John and Donald DeJong.

Per Alice's wishes, her body has been cremated and no formal services are planned.

A memorial has been established to Hospice of Pella.

Cards of condolences/memorials can be mailed to the family at 6057 170th St., Albia, IA 52531.

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“ Alice, I only knew you for a few short years. There are many, many words that can be used to describe you: plucky, determined, tenacious, strong-willed are a few but good hearted, warm, caring and resolute also ring true. You spoke your mind but tempered those words with judgment and kind, simple honesty. You cared deeply for your family, friends and all the furry little critters that made your farm a home (other than that mountain lion which would likely have met the business end of your broom if it ever encountered you). We love you still and shall miss you always!

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