

Marjorie Joanne Reese

Marjorie Joanne Lovejoy Reese was born September 22, 1926 in Neligh, Nebraska, the only child of ten to be born in a hospital, the other 9 having been born on the family ranch 17 miles south of Valentine.

Joanne loved her bookkeeping, as that was her passion. After graduating from high school, she worked for the First National Bank for Mr. Quin. Mom said if you were one penny off when closing he'd make everyone stay until it was accounted for, sometimes having a late dinner. Mom was never one for gardening, cooking or sewing things. She had sisters who sewed patches and always made lots of goodies they dropped off or shared on family occasions.

In later years, you could almost always find Joanne, Cliff and son Chester sometime or another at the Vet's Club enjoying a cold beverage and playing pickle cards with the other veterans and friends, as the door there is always open to everyone. She was a member of the Veteran's Ladies Auxiliary.

She married Clifford Reese May 4, 1946. They were a team in all their business ventures starting with a western clothing store in Valentine. They then wanted to see a different part of the country and moved to Tyler, Texas, purchasing a motel. Joanne and Cliff always said the motel business was no different than milking cows. It's a seven day a week job, 24 hours a day. Like they always said, people of the Sandhill's have too much sand in their shoes, so they returned home.

Joanne and Cliff purchased the propane business from Lawrence and Hazel Clements January 1, 1960. It was a long haul for quite a while, as they both worked long and hard to make it what it is today. Joanne was very meticulous, going over every invoice making sure it was billed to the right place. She kept working after Cliff passed away until her health failed. She was not a fan of computers. She decided to step aside at the ripe old age of 84. The last few years, Cherry Hills was called home, where she enjoyed playing cards, bingo, putting puzzles together and the local entertainment that came to play music.

She was the last of 10 children born to Daniel Homer and Leona (Tetherow) Lovejoy. Preceded in death by husband Cliff; son Chester; siblings: Ennis Richardson, Hal Lovejoy, Mae Brennon, Irish Lovejoy, Helen Sears, Freda Cozad, Lela Baker, George Lovejoy and Chester 'Sonny' Lovejoy. She is survived by son Richard (Kathleen) Reese and grandson Eric (Nancy) Reese of Valentine, granddaughter Ruth Ann (Wade) Tinant and great granddaughter Charlee of Phoenix and a host of nephews and nieces.

Memorials may be made in care of the family to the Vet's Club.



In Loving Memory Of
Joanne

In Celebration Of The Life Of

Marjorie Joanne Reese

September 22, 1926 - October 19, 2017

When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey
And I have traveled my last weary mile,
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile.

Forget unkind words I have spoken;
Remember some good I have done.
Forget that I ever had a heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun.

Forget that I have stumbled & blundered
And sometimes fell by the way.
Then forget to grieve for my going,
I would not have you sad for a day,
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay.

And come in shade of the evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west,
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only the best.

Arrangements By
Holmes Funeral Home ~ Valentine, NE
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Funeral Service

Tuesday ~ October 24, 2017 @ 11:00 am
Presbyterian Church, Valentine, NE
Officiant: Pastor Scott McClellen

Music

“Old Rugged Cross” ~ “Amazing Grace”
Congregation Hymn ~ “How Great Thou Art”
Musician: Bethany Springer

Pallbearers

B J Richardson	Billy Richardson
Court Sears	Robert Sears
Jay Lovejoy	Chris Lovejoy

Honorary Bearers

Joanne's Nieces & Nephews
Friends and Cherry Hills Estates

Interment

Mount Hope Cemetery
Valentine, Nebraska