



Mary Lou Pennell

August 13, 1928 - August 27, 2013

Mary Lou Pennell, 85, of Central City, died Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at Journey House in Lincoln, NE. Memorial graveside services will be Monday, September 9, 2013, at 2:00 P.M. in Central City Cemetery with Ellen Campbell officiating. Luncheon following the service will be at the Central City Senior Center. Wagner Funeral Home in Central City is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mary was born on August 13, 1928 in Columbus, Nebraska to Tom and Martha (Dilley) Adams. She came from a family of eight children and she grew up in Columbus and attended school there. She had two brothers, Bill and Donny, and five sisters, Ethel, Pearl, Jean, Joan, and Pat. Though the family started out in Columbus, most of them later in life gradually migrated to Central City.

She was united in marriage to Richard I. Pennell on December 1, 1945 in Columbus. The couple lived in Hastings, Nebraska, then moved to Hyattsville, Maryland in 1941, and then to Central City, Nebraska in 1972.

Mary Lou was baptized in the Methodist Church and later attended other churches. She worked in a number of eating places, among them the Dairy Queen, the donut shop, Kate's Root Beer and Donna's Café'.

Mary Lou loved to travel, and would just jump in her car and drive to California, or wherever else her fancy took her. In her retirement years Mary enjoyed going to the Senior Center, eating, socializing and playing cards. Colleen Clayton and Alice Butt helped her with various things. Her grandson Nick was the light of her life.

Survivors left to cherish her memory include her sons, Richard (Rhonda) Pennell, Jr.; James Robert (Roberta) Pennell; and Ronald (Judy) Pennell, two daughters and son-in-law, Nancy Penell; and Carolyn (Rod) Terjak, several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the Central City Senior Center and condolences may be sent to www.wagnerfuneral.com.