



## Jean McColloch

February 4, 1927 – March 24, 2011

Jean McColloch, 84, longtime Ogallala business owner, died Thursday, March 24, 2011 in the Regional Hospital Hospice House in Rapid City, So. Dakota.

Jean was born February 4, 1927 in Lemoyne, Nebraska, the daughter of Albert and Ozeal Arnett Williams. She grew up and attended grade school in the Lewellen area and then moved to the Ogallala area, graduating from Ogallala High School in 1944.

She then attended and graduated from Blair Business College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She moved to the farm in Chappell and was employed at the Deuel County Courthouse for twelve years, working as the Deputy County Clerk and in several other offices including the County Attorneys office, the County Assessors office, and the Selective Service Office. On November 30, 1946 she married Gerald "Bud" McColloch in Ogallala.



In 1957 Jean and Bud moved to Alliance and they were engaged in farming and ranching with her parents until 1965 when they moved to Childress, Texas. They owned and operated a Best Western Motel and Restaurant.

In September of 1965, Bud and Jean bought the Phillips 66 Distributorship and the Elms Motel and service station and the Valley Motel in Ogallala. In 1968 they started Hill Crest Mobile Homes and sold it in 1973. They purchased the Pony Express 66 station on the I-80 Interchange at Ogallala.

In June of 1977, they opened and operated B & J's Hitching Post in Ogallala along with her daughter and son-in-law until April of 2007. In 1979 they opened and operated Taco Johns and also Lady Bee Fashions Clothing Store in Ogallala. They also owned and operated B & J's 66 in Ogallala and Grant. Bud and Jean purchased the Plaza Inn in Ogallala in 1989 and sold it in 1995.

For 42 years Jean worked with her husband operating B & J Petroleum as Phillips 66 and Amoco Distributors serving the farm and ranch communities in several counties with bulk fuel and oil.

Jean was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Ogallala and since 1954 was a member of the Luceba Chapter #220 Order of the Eastern Star of Chappell. Her hobbies included vegetable and flower gardening and collecting recipes.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Survivors include her husband Bud McColloch and her daughter Sandee and her husband Charlie McCroden, all of Ogallala; and her son Scott McColloch and his wife Jackie of Greybull, Wyo. A sister Maxine Case of Rapid City. Five grandchildren: Mindee (John) Hilker of Oneill; Melanee (Cory) Reimers of Ogallala; and Michelle (Dan) Burns, Angie (Casey) Cook, and Michael (Michelle) McColloch, all of Greybull, Wyo. Also eleven great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be Thursday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m. in First United Methodist Church with Rev. Chuck Rager officiating. The Eastern Star Rite will be given by the Ogallala Chapter #142.

A memorial has been established in her name. Interment is in the Ogallala Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to [webmaster@drauckerfh.com](mailto:webmaster@drauckerfh.com).

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.