



Sandra "Sandee" McCroden

April 3, 1948 – June 17, 2012

Sandra "Sandee" McCroden, 64, longtime Ogallala resident, died Sunday, June 17, 2012 in the Rapid City Regional Hospital in Rapid City, So. Dak.

Sandee was born April 3, 1948 in Lewellen, the daughter of Gerald "Bud" and Jean (Williams) McColloch. She grew up and attended grade school and part of high school in Chappell and Alliance before moving to Ogallala. She graduated from Ogallala High School in 1966.



She then attended college in Kearney before moving back to Ogallala. On December 28, 1967 Sandee married Charlie McCroden in Ogallala. In 1977 Charlie and Sandee began many business ventures in Ogallala with Sandee's parents. They opened and operated B & J's Hitching Post, Taco John's, and also the Lady Bee Fashions Clothing Store. They purchased and restored the Plaza Inn Hotel in 1989 and operated it until 1995. Sandee also worked alongside her parents in several convenience stores and with B & J Petroleum as Phillips 66 and Amoco Distributors, serving the farm and ranch communities in several counties with bulk fuel and oil.

Sandee was also a co-owner of Hickok's Hotel and Casino in Deadwood, So. Dakota from 1989 to 2011.

Her hobbies included flower gardening, decorating, and antique collecting. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Preceding her in death was her mother Jean McColloch.

Survivors include her husband Charlie McCroden of Ogallala and Lead, So. Dak.; two daughters: Mindee and (John) Hilker of O'Neill and Melanee and (Cory) Reimers of Ogallala; her father Gerald "Bud" McColloch of Ogallala; and her brother Scott and (Jackie) McColloch of Greybull, Wyo.

Two granddaughters: Makayla and Madisyn Hilker of O'Neill; an aunt, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 20, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Thursday, June 21, at 10 a.m. in the Ogallala First United Methodist Church with Rev. Chuck Rager officiating.

A memorial has been established in her name. Interment is in the Ogallala Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com. Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.