



Althadene Placek

May 30, 1935 - July 17, 2023

It is with great sadness the family of Althadene Placek announces her passing on July 17th, 2023, at the age of 88 years. Mrs. Placek was born May 30, 1935, the eldest daughter of Lloyd and Clara (Palu) Grudzinski on a farm north of Loup City, Nebraska. Althadene (Dene) attended school at District #56. The family moved to the Wiggle Creek community in 1943. She finished the 8th grade there and graduated from Loup City High School in 1953.

On June 22nd, 1953, she married John Placek. The couple moved to a farm in the Austin community south of Loup City, where they prospered for the next 50 years. Dene farmed along side John, specializing as the Chief Dairymaid of their Holtstein cows for 30 years. Their four girls farmed with their parents, until each left for college. As a side note: Their children quickly learned only to enter the milk barn when Mom was singing opera; never enter if she was yelling. Dene loved to sew!! She tailored her four girls' clothes throughout their lives. There was nothing mom couldn't sew or mend. However, her trade signature was to leave at least one straight pin in the article to stick you when you tried the piece on. John and Althadene moved to Loup City in 2003.

Althadene was a wonderful bowler, participating in mixed double leagues with John, then on a ladies' team. Her average was 170, with many 200 games. She was a hands-on grandma to her beloved grandchildren, often WWF wrestling with them when they were young. She enjoyed traveling, playing cards, crafts and quilting.

"Denka" was a life-long member of Alpha Nu Extension Club, past-president

of Sherman County Home Extension Council, and the 4-H Leader of Sunset 4-H for 20 years. Denie was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rockville, NE, holding various offices for 50 years; then a member of St. Josephat's Catholic Church in Loup City, NE, belonging to the Rosary Sodality for over 20 years.

Survivors of the immediate family are daughters Dr. Debra Placek of Nebraska; Christine Jester of Wyoming; Jeanne & Steve Scheneman of Texas; and Sue and Johnny Williams of Oklahoma. A sister Betty and Clix Kaslon of Nebraska; and brother Allen and Pat Grudzinski of Nebraska. Althadene was blessed with eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren with more on the way. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband John and her folks, Lloyd and Clara Grudzinski.

Previous Events

Rosary

JUL **22**. 9:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
109 W 5th St
Skiatook, OK 74070-1414
(918) 396-1179

Mass

JUL **22**. 10:00 AM.

Scared Heart Catholic Church
Skiatook, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Althadene Placek*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Althadene Placek*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *My sister, my friend, and my protector when I was a little one. We shed tears of pain and joy together and now there is a great big hole in my heart from her passing. To the girls, Debbie, Chris, Jeanne and Sue, my heartfelt sympathy for their loss. Dene was a very unique and special lady who we will all miss.*
Allen

Allen Grudzinski - July 21, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ *Mike, and Karen purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Althadene Placek.*



Mike, and Karen - July 20, 2023 at 05:30 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Althadene Placek.*



July 20, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *I am sending my love and prayers to her beautiful family! I am so grateful for the memories my family was fortunate to make with your momma. I remember being in Vegas, and she didn't want to spend \$2.95 on a Vegas magnet. She said she could make it for .75 cents. I'll never forget, Jeanne, when you introduced us to your beautiful mom. She said she had heard so much about the Hatanelas'. She said to Dan, "Oh, you must be Hat. " She said to me "You must be Alice". I am grieving with you all. God Bless you all. All my love, Brenda*

Brenda - July 19, 2023 at 02:11 PM



Dene played Bunko with several neighbors at the a reunion apartments and always had a warm smile and was always dressed stylishly and wore jewelry to boot. We all knew Pookey and enjoyed their company in the courtyard many times. Sympathies to the family. She had a wonderful spirit

Wendy Alvey - July 22, 2023 at 06:13 PM