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Wanetta M. Wright - Ionia

Wanetta M. Wright, 78, Ionia, died at her home Jan. 5, 2017. She was born April 29, 1938 in Edgar, NE. Her parents were Amos & Marie Higer. On Feb. 21, 1957, she married the love of her life, Lyle D. (Coke) Wright in Fairbury, NE. They lived most of their life in Ionia. Born to this union were 2 daughters, Pam & Annete.

Wanetta was always in a caregiver role starting with 12 years as a CNA at the Jewell County Hospital in Mankato. Coke & Wanetta owned & operated the Wrights Grocery Store in Ionia for 10 years. She cleaned houses and was a tireless & loving caregiver to several people in the Jewell & Ionia areas. Some of her greatest joys were spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren, hosting large family reunions for Memorial weekend and she would NEVER pass up a good game of marbles. Another favorite of Wanetta's was working in her flowers and in the garden.

Wanetta will be deeply missed by her loving husband Lyle (Coke) Wright; daughters Pam (Chad) Carter of Cawker City, KS & Annete (Steve) Roth of Dorchester, NE; grandchildren Molly (Sam) Rempe, Robert & Chelsea Carter, Jennifer (Robert) Jeppesen, Emily (Cayden) Riley, Julie (Daniel) Coffey; Great-grandchildren Bishop Rempe, Marlee, Lillian, Peyton & Everly Jeppesen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sisters & a brother.

Memorials may be given to Solomon Valley Hospice or United Methodist Church of Ionia, KS. Visitation will be Sunday, Jan. 8th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Kleppinger Funeral Home, Jewell, KS, which are handling arrangements. Funeral service will be Monday, Jan. 9th at 1:30 pm at the Ionia United Methodist Church.