



May Stoker

May 13, 1945 - April 2, 2021

Gladys May Stoker, 75, of rural Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on April 2, 2021 in Tucson, Arizona. She was born May 13, 1945 in Ottumwa, Iowa to John Paul and Bertha Rose White Masters. She married James P. "Jim" Stoker on December 11, 1987 in Milton, Iowa. The couple worked together on the farm raising cattle. May and Jim were inseparable and loved working with each other and being married to one another. They had a true kinship. Jim passed away on September 25, 2020.

May enjoyed growing her garden and canning her produce. Her generous nature led to her giving away most of her produce because she liked to see people happy. She also enjoyed painting, drawing, growing flowers, and doing a good puzzle. She will be truly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by a son, Dewey Dean (Carol) Coatney of Troy, Iowa; two daughters, Julie Ann (Joe) Longcor of Searsboro, Iowa, Kristine Lynn (David) Maynard of Niota, Illinois; eight grandchildren, C.J. Systma, Nathan Pool, Meagan Pool, Angie Doud, Trisha Keim, Mason Maynard, Dalton Maynard, Dave Maynard Jr.; step-son, Leroy Allen (Patti) Hanna Jr. of Ottumwa, Iowa; many great-grandchildren; four sisters, Florence, Edith, Millie, Clara; a special cousin, Ion Mellum; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; granddaughter, Krystal Lynn Doud; and seven siblings, Mary, Margaret, John, Bill, Nora, Clarise, and Grace.

May's wish was to be cremated and burial of the cremated remains will be at the Armstrong Cemetery at a later date. Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield is assisting the family.

Comments



“ CLAY F MILLER lit a candle in memory of May Stoker



CLAY F MILLER - April 15 at 02:43 AM



“ sorely missed . waiting for your call. personal joke, lots of fine memories, happy for you now. with your soulmate Jim. you had quite a life. many happy trails for you and me
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edith I gowen - April 09 at 03:08 PM



“ May had a huge impact on my life. There was a period where I lacked direction, and she helped point me in a direction that was both sustainable and enjoyable.

Living on her farm, and learning the true secret of life – cows don't give milk – you have to work for it – was what I needed most as a young man.

I owe a great deal to her, and will always love and respect what she has done for me.

Eric Boyer - April 08 at 10:04 AM



“ lone Mellum lit a candle in memory of May Stoker



lone Mellum - April 07 at 06:42 PM



“ To my mother I love you very much you accomplished a lot in the time that you were here you and her husband Jim made a wonderful life together and taught us all so much about loving and caring for one another you were best friends and soulmates now you are back together again for eternity I love you Mom

Kristine Maynard - April 07 at 04:24 PM



“ May, I will miss your fierce outward approach to life and all it threw at you. You never hit a blockade you couldn't conquer if you decided to take it on. Jim always had you at his side and knew and loved you like no other person. I admired your passion for those you loved and those you chose to allow into your world. I'm so glad one of them was me. I will always remember you and be glad you loved my brother. You both shared a unique sense of humor and had private jokes that made you very close to one another. Now you are joined together with all your departed loved ones. We will meet again in a perfect world, one filled with love and joy.

Elizabeth" Betty", Ross - April 07 at 06:09 PM



“ May has had a special place in my heart for most of my life. We shared a household, chores, and the passing of my father and her mentor. Those memories bound us together as sisters. I was never happier for her than when she found Jim, the love of her life and could live on a farm once more. As sad as the end of life is to those who remain behind My family and I were thankful to walk with and care for May during her final days. We love you May and yes you made a wonderful difference in our lives. Rest In Peace. My family send their love and hugs to our other family members as they mourn their loss. Oldest niece aka sister lone

lone Mellum - April 07 at 07:00 PM



“ May, you were always so nice and welcoming to me. Thank you for taking care of my hubby when he was young. You will be missed by many. You are no longer in pain and can enjoy being with Jim again. Til we meet again.

Patti Hanna - April 08 at 07:05 PM



“ I have many good memories of May & Jim growing up as one of there former neighbors. May cooked some of the best meals for us during the summer while we were putting up Hay. She had her own little tractor she would pull all the hay wagons to the barn with then go inside and start cooking for us. She was witty and probably one of the strongest & most courageous persons I have ever met. Her passion for her farm and the love of Jim could been seen everyday and told in many of the great stories she spoke of. I am glad I got to speak to her last October, I know she was heart broken for the loss of Jim as they were truly inseparable. She told me then the time her & Jim had together in life was simply not enough. My sincere condolences to the family.

CLAY F MILLER - April 15 at 02:41 AM



“ My memories of Gladie May and Jim as well, are so great. The farming and cooking they offered to all of us,also when we needed help they were the first to offer. I am so happy she had a great life with Jim...Loved you both so much.

Clara Boyer - July 09 at 01:37 PM