

Longtime Taylor native, Colleen Beals age 86, passed away Nov 27th 2020 at Community Health Center in Burwell, Nebraska after a brief illness from Covid-19. Colleen was born February 23rd, 1934 in Taylor, Nebraska and was the third child of Oran and Ruby Dilsaver. Colleen grew up on the family farm where she milked cows and performed the usual chores of daily farm life. Once relating that she and her older sister, Rosie would have to finish milking the cows before they could go on dates w/ their respective boyfriends.

She graduated from Taylor High School in 1952 and completed 2 years of college at the Univ of Nebr. before marrying her high school sweetheart, Gale Beals in 1952. A short time later the young couple moved to Omaha, Nebraska in early 1954, and then to Plattsmouth, NE in 1966. Their children, Stacey (b.1960) and Paul (b.1964) were born at this time.

Colleen and Gale opened their business, The Country Nursery, in 1968. And then continued until their mutual retirement in 1998. They then returned to their hometown of Taylor, Nebraska where Gale passed away in 2000.

Colleen was very active in her community and was a member of Democratic Women's Society, Extension Club, as well as the Ladies Auxiliary in Taylor. She was a 4-H leader, a Campfire Girl leader and taught Sunday school for many years. She was a talented writer and photographer and worked for The Plattsmouth Journal in the 1970's.

Colleen enjoyed gardening and planting beautiful flower beds. She donated and planted many flowers in the town of Plattsmouth and received a commendation from Governor JJ Exon for her efforts in 1979. In her later years she enjoyed making quilts for her grandkids and painting. Colleen was a member of the Plattsmouth Baptist Church for approx. 30 years. Her faith and her relationship with the Lord were one of the most important things in her life.

Colleen was preceded in death by her husband, Gale, her parents, and both her brother Morris and sister, Rosie. She is survived by her son, Paul (Denver, CO) and her daughter, Stacey and S-I-L Bob Kultgen (Othello, WA). Also her granddaughter, Ashley Mace and her great grandsons, Kameron, Jayden, Cruz and Jordan. As well as numerous nieces and nephews. Colleen requested no funeral service, but a memorial service is planned by her family in the Spring.