



Mildred Elaine Applegate

December 17, 1923 - February 15, 2021

Elaine was born December 17, 1923, the sixth child of Phillip and Bessie Holmes Mauck. Her childhood was spent in the rural central Kansas community of Lerado, and she graduated from Langdon High School in 1941. Elaine attended Fort Hays Kansas State College in 1941-1942 and earned a teaching certificate. In 1942-1943 she taught eight grades at Prairie Hall school northwest of Pretty Prairie, Kansas. Then in 1943-1944 she taught grades 1-3 at Plevna Kansas Elementary School.

While at Fort Hays College, Elaine met Kenneth Sylvester Decker of Bison, Kansas and they were married in March 25, 1944. In the winter of 1948, Kenneth was diagnosed with leukemia and died on July 9, 1948. Elaine gave birth to their son, Kenneth Sylvester Decker, Jr. on November 5, 1948.

On September 14, 1949 Elaine and Harold Glenn Applegate were married at her grandfather's home in Langdon KS. Glenn worked in the Plevna State Bank in Plevna, and so Elaine, Glenn and Kenny moved to Plevna. Their daughter Barbara Elaine was born August 3, 1950 and Glenn adopted Kenny at the same time. Another son Gary Robert was born July 16, 1953.

In 1957, Glenn took a job at the First State Bank in Leoti, KS, 200 miles to the west of Plevna. A third son, Randy Lee was born in Leoti on May 27, 1958. Once Glenn retired from the bank in January 1984, he and Elaine became "snowbirds", spending summers in Leoti and winters in Apache Junction, AZ. Glenn passed away in January 2005, shortly after their move from Leoti to independent living at Wesley Towers in Hutchinson, KS, just a few miles from

where Elaine and Glenn grew up. Elaine lived at Wesley Towers until 2016 when she moved to Fort Collins, CO to be near her daughter Barbara, son Randy, and sister Melba Treaster.

Elaine lived in independent living until March of 2020, when due to Covid-19 lockdown she moved in with Barbara. She was able to remain in Barbara's home until her death from natural causes on February 15, 2021, at age 97.

Elaine was predeceased by her husbands Kenneth Decker and Glenn Applegate, son Kenneth, her parents Phillip and Bessie Mauck, sisters Beulah, Lois, Phyllis Mae, and Marjorie, brothers Howard, Kenneth, Kenton, and Henry.

She is survived by her sister Melba Treaster of Fort Collins, CO, daughter Barbara Applegate of Fort Collins, CO, son Gary Applegate and daughter-in-law Kathy of Wichita KS, son Randy Applegate and daughter-in-law Vikki of Westminster, CO. She is also survived by ten grandchildren: Bonnie Gottschalk, Lynn Books, Janette Ashton, Tim Applegate (Erin), Judy Olguin (Donald), Morgan Eaton, Kenneth Applegate (Corey), Matthew Applegate (Aubrey), Brittany Applegate, Elizabeth Applegate (Colby); 20 great-grandchildren: Nicole, Coty, Kayla, Charles Books, Annabella and Elianna Gunn, Jaxson Gilbert, Hattie Applegate, Olin Applegate, Willow Applegate, Reece Gasparino, Donnie Olguin III, Zari Olguin, Jordan Olguin, Cataleya Olguin, Annabelle Applegate, Jason Applegate, Adalyn Applegate, Alivia Applegate, Anay Applegate, Jonah Whitehead, and Adriela Whitehead.

A service will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St, Fort Collins CO at 10:00 am on Friday February 19, 2021. Masks and social distancing are required. The service will also be live-streamed.

A visitation will be held at Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main St., Hutchinson, KS. on Thursday, February 25, 2021 between 4 and 7 pm.

A graveside service for family and friends will be held at Lerado Cemetery in Reno County, KS on Memorial Sunday, May 30, 2021.

Memorial donations may be made to Christ United Methodist Church, Fort Collins, CO.

Previous Events

Service

FEB **19**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive St.
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Graveside Service

MAY **30**.

Lerado Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Mildred Elaine Applegate*



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - February 19, 2021 at 10:20 AM

DL

“ *I am a friend of Barb's and Elaine was our favorite "skater mom" who supported our synchronized ice skating team in Wisconsin. We friends loved our time ice skating and even though we were in our late 60's and 70's, we still had Elaine in the stands clapping as we skated by. That is a mother's love. Always. Miss you, Elaine. Diane Lewis*

Diane Lewis - February 20, 2021 at 12:51 PM

JO

“ *Judy Olguin lit a candle in memory of Mildred Elaine Applegate*



Judy Olguin - February 19, 2021 at 10:33 PM

JR

“ Here at The Worthington, we were puzzle partners! She was an expert puzzle-maker! We had good times putting those puzzles together (with Barbara's help)! Good memories! Joan Robert (Apartment 320)

Joan Robert - February 19, 2021 at 01:00 AM

RM

“ Randy and family came to Idaho to visit and Elaine came with them . We went to the lake tubing and waterskiing ,after pulling one of the kids on a tube (trying very hard to bounce them off) I jokingly ask Elaine if it was her turn. She replied "Well Yes!" . I think she was about 87 years old at that time. She had a great time and I was never more relieved when she was back to shore.
Ron Mauck

Ron Mauck - February 18, 2021 at 02:12 PM

MC

“ As an example of Elaine's hospitality and good nature, she and her first husband, Kenneth Decker, shared their small trailer at KSU, with 2 giggly teenagers, Melba and myself, for an overnight visit. Good memories and I think we went to football game, my first! Thanks for the fun memory, Elaine.

marilyn kimple, cousin - February 18, 2021 at 12:13 PM

MK

“ *Barb and Family,
My heartfelt condolences to all of you. I am grateful i got to know her a bit when she was in Waukesha visiting. She was delightful and interesting to be around. Barb, you and i often talked about how we were raised by mothers who taught us similar values and lessons. Aren't we lucky they did!*
Marie

Marie Kingsbury - February 18, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JF

“ *Jared Mauck and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mildred Elaine Applegate.*



Jared Mauck and Family - February 18, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mildred Elaine Applegate.*



February 18, 2021 at 08:24 AM

SV

“ I'm writing from Waukesha & have such fond memories of her from here & when I visited a year ago in Fort Collins. I know she had the best daughter any mom could ask for.
Barb I send my love to you and your brothers & their families. She always had a twinkle in her eye and a laugh when she talked of her family.
May she rest in peace. Sandy Villa

Sandy Villa - February 17, 2021 at 08:42 PM

DR

“ Sending condolences to you Barb and your family. Your mother lived a long life, and I hope it was a happy one.

Denise Reinholtz

Denise A Reinholtz - February 17, 2021 at 06:19 PM

RM

“ Larry and my son, Ralph, wasn't but a month old. We were traveling to Wichita for Gary and Kathy's wedding. Stopped in Leota, Glenn and Elaine weren't home but the front door was unlocked, a good rest stop place. It was hot outside and Ralph needed a new diaper. Great place to stop over. Got to Wichita and saw Elaine and Glenn the next day and Elaine said she saw that we had stopped by. Left a diaper in the trash. Always felt very welcomed at their home. Stayed the night there on our way back to Limon after the wedding.

Roberta Mauck - February 17, 2021 at 06:06 PM

LA

“ Elaine was my aunt by marriage (Glenn was my dad's brother). I remember being at Glenn and Elaine's house for a Christmas dinner, in the mid-70's. I was admiring the things in her china cabinet, and told Elaine I had started collecting Black Amethyst glass, as she had some in the cabinet. Without saying a word, she opened the door, pulled out the pieces of black amethyst, and said "these were your Grandmother's....take them". I remember being speechless. So generous. Elaine always had a great sense of humor, and a twinkle in her eye. She lived an amazing life, with many challenges, but always forged ahead. She will be missed.

Lynda Applegate - February 17, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mildred Elaine Applegate.



February 17, 2021 at 05:42 PM

BM

“ The very first time I met Aunt Elaine was at Kenton & Chris' house in Limon. We were working on a jigsaw puzzle together and she would say, "Now we're cookin' with gas!" She came for a visit at our place in north Idaho and rode on the tube behind the boat. Elaine loved to have fun. She embraced adventures and shared her love. Quite a woman. Bonnie Mauck

Bonnie Mauck - February 17, 2021 at 05:10 PM

RA

We made sure a photo of her tubing is part of the photo tribute. She was 80 years old at the time!

Randy Applegate - February 19, 2021 at 08:56 AM

GP

“ I will always remember the time Barb and Elaine and I played tourist in Estes Park, and while I was admiring the mountains, Elaine would be looking east to the prairies, and saying that's where the beautiful country was! I'm so glad I had that visit. Elaine, you were a fun co-traveler.

Gerry Pas - February 17, 2021 at 04:38 PM

BA

*That was Mom! We always argued about whether trees were scenery or interfered with the scenery!
Thanks, Gerry*

Barbara Applegate - February 17, 2021 at 05:39 PM

SM

“ I will always remember Thanksgiving in Leoti. Elaine always made everyone feel welcome. I also fondly recall her stories from growing up in Reno County and her sense of humor. The yearly Christmas letter was looked forward to and enjoyed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sherman Mauck - February 17, 2021 at 04:11 PM

BA

Thank you, Sherman.

Barbara Applegate - February 17, 2021 at 05:33 PM

JK

I am sorry to hear of your Mom's passing Barb. I am glad you got to be with her and take care of her in her final years. Joni Kinateder

Joan H. Kinateder - February 18, 2021 at 11:49 AM

CF

“ Chris Mauck and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mildred Elaine Applegate.



Chris Mauck and Family - February 17, 2021 at 10:58 AM