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**P**atsy Seals, 62 of Mystic passed away Wednesday August 3, 2011 at Mercy Medical Center in Centerville.

Patsy was born on April 27, 1949 to Boyd & Ruby (Wise) Stephens in Rockdale, Texas. She received her education from Rockdale High School in 1967. She married Pearl Seals on April 6, 1968 in Rockdale, Texas. After marriage they moved to Iowa where Patsy began a lifetime of helping others.

She started employment with SIEDA, helping to organize a free standing Senior Meal Site in Mystic. She took the title of Director in 1973 and remained in that position until her retirement this year. She also served on numerous Service Boards.

Patsy enjoyed spending time on her family farm in Texas and time spent with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren. Whether it was Christmas with her immediately family or Thanksgiving feasts with citizens throughout the community, being able to help was enjoyment to her.

She was a member and past president of the Wapello County United Way, Wapello County Human Resource Center, Helping Hands, Governing Board for the Ottumwa Senior Citizens Center, Member of the State & National RSVP Directors Association, administrated the DHS Volunteer Program for a nine county area, Mystic City Council, Mystic Highland Cemetery Association and received the Susan G. Komen award in Ottumwa.

Patsy is survived by her husband Pearl of Mystic, two daughters; Leonna Fogle(Steve) of Centerville, Loretta Seals(Josh McMahan) of Mystic, four grandchildren; Mallory Hatfield Fogle, Holden McVeigh, Mackenzie Fogle, Logan Fogle, a sister, Peggy Ray(Doug) of Ennis, TX, brother, LeRoy Stephens(Susie Simpson) of Rockdale, TX and a brother-in-law Jimmy Mathews of Eddy, TX.



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She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Debbie Mathews. Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 6, 2011 at Thomas Funeral Home with Rev. Gerald Campbell officiating. Visitation will be all day Friday with the family present from 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

Inurnment will be at a later date in Haines Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the family which may be left at or mailed to Thomas Funeral Home - 23548 Hwy 5 - PO Box 125 - Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences and video may be shared at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com).

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LE

**Lorene Ellerhoff** posted:

I regret that I was not able to attend Patsy's big send off; however, I didn't want another day to pass by without expressing my condolences to her family. While I was RSVP director for Des Moines County from 1977-2002, Patsy was a long-standing, true professional friend. She probably held the distinction of being one of the 'most senior RSVP directors' until her retirement this year. She was a genuine, altruistic individual who mentored many fledgling, floundering RSVP directors over the years. Through it all she seemed interested, patient, and able to maintain her neat sense of humor. What a strong advocate for those who needed assistance she was! And how she understood the need for the older generation to feel good about themselves by helping others! She was also a great lobbyist for state and federal funds. Her tenure with government-funded programs was a testimony to her tenaciousness and belief in her causes. As family members, you probably don't need to be told about that! Unable to attend her retirement lunch last spring, I called Patsy while the RSVP directors were gathered in Newton. She sounded chirper and ready to party like she usually was whenever I saw her. I'll always remember her that way. May the memories of the good times you shared with Patsy bring a smile to your heart when you need it most. Sincerely, Lorene Ellerhoff  
Former RSVP Director Des Moines County

April 22 at 7:00 PM

KB

**Kelly Burkittfalki** posted:

i'm so sorry for your big lost . i just heard about it my thoughts are with you , hugs and prays . love you.

April 22 at 7:00 PM

KB

**Kathy Barloon** posted:

I have enjoyed getting to know Patsy during the past 8 years. She was a very wise women and I appreciated the wisdom she shared with me as a new RSVP director. I also have great memories of conferences and trainings we attended together. Other RSVP Directors have referred to her fondly as the 'bag lady' as she worked so hard to get state funding for RSVP programs in Iowa. I very much appreciate her work and dedication in blazing the trail for RSVP programs across Iowa. My thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of this wonderful lady.

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JP

**Johnalyn Platt** posted:

My thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy goes out to Patsy's family. Patsy was very dedicated to helping people and even reading her obituary, that held true her entire life. She was so nice to me every time we met. She always had a kind word. Although I did not know her as well as the other RSVP Directors did, she would always make time to make me feel important and welcomed. I will definately miss her and the world will never be the same without her.

April 22 at 7:00 PM

SB

**Sheila Bohr** posted:

Patsy had so many years as a RSVP director and I loved to hear her share her stories of her early years in the program - she could get us all laughing. I could not attend the funeral - but I have thought about Patsy all day today. My deepest sympathy to Patsy's family and friends. Your loss is shared by many.

April 22 at 7:00 PM

JP

**Jerry Power** posted:

Patsy would always greet me with a big smile. I've heard it said' find an occupation you like and you'll never have to work'. I think Patsy found the occupation. She made the area a better place! Rest in Peace!

April 22 at 7:00 PM

DF

**Debra Fahn** posted:

Patsy was a gem! She was one of the first RSVP Directors and helped so many of us new directors find our way. When I started with RSVP in 2001 Patsy, Tammy Meyer and Linda Neer took me under their wing. We were at a conference in Milwaukee and I didn't know anything about RSVP. They were veterans and through their guidance and help I learned the job. I respected Patsy so much for her wisdom and insight with our programs. She was a co worker and friend and will be missed. My sincere sympathy to all her family and friends...she will be missed! Debra Fahn

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JB

**Jean Bergman** posted:

Patsy was an intelligent, wonderful woman who always gave everything she had to the cause she was fighting for! My fondest memory was spending three days at a training held at a convent in Indiana back in 2001. The first morning on our way to breakfast, she hoped they would have oatmeal, as ...this looks like an oatmeal kind of place she said. Wouldn't you know they had oatmeal on the buffet every morning. Oatmeal always makes me think of her and the fun we had at that training. She will be missed by many and leaves found memories for all whose lives she touched! My condolences to all her family members.

April 22 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Trinita Shewry** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. So sorry for your loss. Deepest Sympathy, Trinita Shewry & family

April 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Patsy was always so kind to me; I was very sad to hear of her passing... My heart goes out to all of her friends and family and I hope you manage to find comfort and peace after such a significant loss.

August 5 at 7:00 PM



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