



Keo Konnie Holmes

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Keo was born to Jay & Mildred (Sallman) Gibbs on March 26, 1935 in Corydon, Iowa. She received her education from Cambria Schools, graduating in 1953. Keo and her siblings were very hard workers and milked cows and kept their family farm going even after their mother's early death.

Keo enjoyed all sports and never missed any of her kids' school activities, Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Band concerts and cheerleading. She enjoyed her Hawkeye Football and Basketball games as well.

On January 22, 1955, Keo was united in marriage to Lloyd Lee Holmes in Chariton, Iowa.

While Lee was in the service, Keo worked at Neely Manufacturing and after Lee returned from the Korean Conflict, they started farming south and east of Humeston. Keo was involved in the farming operation and worked side by side with Lee for 42 years. She drove tractors, hauled grain, did chores, kept a spotless house, and her yard was mowed to perfection. She loved working outdoors. In the early 80's they started laying field tile and still farmed. In 1996 they sold their half of the field tiling business to David and Julie and sold their farm home and moved to Chariton in 2007. They built a barn on Newton Road on the North side of Corydon and hung out there and chatted with anyone who stopped by to see them.

Lee and Keo traveled to Arizona for 9 winters. Several dear friends of theirs also went, and they had so much fun. Lee passed away in 2014 at 80 years old. They celebrated 59 years of marriage before his death. Keo moved to "Elgin House" in Corydon in 2015 and then to "Murphy Place Assisted Living". She loved it at Murphy Place and always appreciated the workers there. In 2023 she moved to The Cottage Grove Place in Cedar Rapids and was closer to her daughter and a few grandkids. Survivors include; children, Kenny (Sandy) Holmes of Corydon, Iowa; Mike Holmes of Des Moines, Iowa; Julie (David) Foster of Walford, Iowa, seven grandchildren:



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Chelsey (Ryan) Markle of Iowa City, Iowa; Samantha (Steve) Lexa of North Liberty, Iowa; Lance (Debora) Holmes of Delray Beach, Florida; Matti Holmes and Charlie Gambrel of Omaha, Nebraska; Abbi (Trae) Gilliland of West Des Moines, Iowa; Delanie (Dustin) Peet of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Taylor (Mady) Foster of North Liberty, Iowa, 10 great grandchildren: James (Alice) Lexa, Isaac (Frederick) Markle, Liam (Melina) Holmes, Bennett Gilliland, Tatum, Antin, and Gibson Peet, brother, Keith Gibbs of Astoria, New York, sister-in-law, Juanita Holmes of Slater, Iowa, several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, baby brother, Kenneth Jay, and sisters, Karolyn Hatch, Kathleen Spees, Karmen Diehl, and Karen Cochran

Funeral service will be Friday, 1:00 PM, December 8, 2023 at Thomas Funeral Home in Corydon. Interment will immediately follow at Cambria Cemetery. Visitation will be 2 hours prior to the service on Friday from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Memorials may be given to Cambria Cemetery and condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com or facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.

Keos' service can be live-streamed at <https://my.gather.app/remember/keo-holmes>



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KF

Kay Frizzell posted:

When mom was at Murphy Place I always enjoyed seeing Keo's happy face. Such a sweet little lady and so pleasant to visit with. Sincere sympathies to her family.

December 6 at 7:00 PM

DB

Don And Joanne Burg posted:

May your loving memories of your mom/grandma be with you always.

December 6 at 7:00 PM

CM

Craig Bonnie And Echo Mcurry posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Keos passing you are all in our thoughts and prayers

December 5 at 7:00 PM

CC

Cowman Coffie lit a candle in honor of Keo.



December 5 at 7:00 PM

FF

Fred Sponsler And Family posted:

Our deepest condolences from the Chicago area Sponslers. Keo was an amazing woman that will never be forgotten. We have so many great memories.

December 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are thinking of you.

December 4 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Sending you love, comfort and peace during this time.

December 4 at 7:00 PM



Tim Thomas posted:

I grew up not very far from Lee and Keo's farm on the Cambria highway. As a kid I really enjoyed when my Dad pulled off that Cambria highway and visited with Lee and Keo. They were always so nice and friendly to us. To all the Holmes family I'm sorry for your loss. Tim Thomas

December 4 at 7:00 PM



Shelley Moes Bickel posted:

W

December 4 at 7:00 PM



Ruth Ann Storm posted:

So sorry for your loss. No one like Keo, I always loved a good visit back in the farm days!

December 4 at 7:00 PM



Diane Olson Schroeder posted:

So very sad for your family. She was a sweetheart to talk to at Murphy Place.

December 4 at 7:00 PM



Julie Foster posted:



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CS

Cindy Lou Whiteley-Stewart posted:

🙏 Sending our heartfelt sympathies & prayers to her family & friends 🙏

December 3 at 7:00 PM

KH

Kathy Hand posted:

So sorry for your loss.

December 3 at 7:00 PM

CR

Cindy Lou Sheppard Robinson posted:

Sending our condolences...

December 3 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Your Loving Brother...

December 3 at 7:00 PM

AH

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Keo Konnie Holmes posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Corydon

December 3 at 7:00 PM

NT

Nancy Taylor posted:

Such a good picture of Keo !!

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MC

Marlene Carlyle posted:

Our sincere condolences to all her family!

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JL

Janet Lenig posted:

Sending our deepest condolences to all the family.

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JC

Jerry Castor posted:

our sympathy to the family

December 3 at 7:00 PM

LL

Louise Ludington posted:

Sorry for your loss.

December 3 at 7:00 PM

RP

Rita Sayers Parrish posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. Keo was truly a child of Cambria. She was loved by so many in that community. My parents spoke so fondly of her and Lee. I am sure you have some wonderful memories of her and hope that you can share them and laugh. She will be greatly missed. May she rest at peace.

December 3 at 7:00 PM

DK

Dreama Klaiber posted:

So sorry for your loss

December 3 at 7:00 PM

LL

Lori Lunsford posted:

Sympathy and prayers for the family.

December 3 at 7:00 PM



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Linda Arnold posted:

Our sympathy to the family.

December 3 at 7:00 PM



Nancy Jones posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. May her memory be a blessing.

December 3 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Keo by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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