



## Arlene S. Samson

March 5, 1940 - October 2, 2019

Arlene S. Samson, 79, of Spencer, formerly of Hartley passed away on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at the Longhouse-Northshire Care Center in Spencer. A funeral will be held on October 12th at 10:30am at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Grenville, SD. Burial will take place in the St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery following the service. A celebration of life will follow in the Legion Hall in Grenville. The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake is assisting the family. Condolences may be sent online to [www.spiritlakefunerlhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefunerlhome.com) or mailed to Roxy Morfitt, 2947 Tanager Ave., Hartley, IA 51346.

Arlene was born on March 5, 1940 in Waubay, SD to Joseph and Agnes (Block) Lewandowski. She was united in marriage to Wallace Samson on November 19, 1960. They resided in Sioux Falls, SD then Apple Valley, MN and had four daughters. In 1976, Arlene & Wallace moved to Hartley, IA where they owned and operated the Iowan Motel for many years. She later moved to Mesa, AZ where she worked for McDonnell Douglas making helicopters.

She was a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. In her free time, she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, playing card games and playing the slots. In her younger years, she also enjoyed dancing and travelling. She was always the life of the party.

Left to cherish her memory is her four daughters, Shelly (Demitri) Sahnas of Scottsdale, AZ; Roxanne (Tom) Morfitt of Hartley, IA; Jodi Strohman of Spencer, IA; and Jill (Rich) Charney of Gilbert, AZ; grandchildren Joshua, Mallory, Sydney, Haley, Kinser, Conner, and Dayton; great grandchildren Sophia and Amya; brothers Edwin, Donnie, Kenny, Dennis and Gene; sisters Colette (Carlson) and Marilyn (Miotke). She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Tony.