



Clare A. Olson

August 24, 1924 - February 26, 2016

Clare Olson, age 91 of Wayne, passed away Friday, February 26, 2016, at the Purcell Municipal Hospital. Clarene Aleva Olson was born August 24, 1924 in Aredale, IA, the older of 2 children born to Irving and Hattie Boyd. She was raised in Greene, IA and attended school there. She later attended Stephens Women's College where she studied Aviation, and earned her Bachelors of Business Degree. Clare married Russell Olson and to this union, 3 children, son, Mike and daughters, Christie and Marcy were born. Clare worked for the Federal Center in Denver for several years. She later made her living buying, selling and trading horses, mules, saddles and tack. She also took pride in providing excellent service being a waitress. She lived in the Sandhills of Nebraska for a time, before settling in the Purcell/Wayne area in 1996. Clare was instrumental in the advent of the AI horse breeding program at Colorado State University by providing the mares for study. She was a founding member of The Rocky Mountain Long Ears Association, one the the first Mule Clubs. She was also a foundation breeder of the Australian Shepherd breed of dog, helping develop an excellent stock and family dog. Clare's favorite thing was to barter, using it as her enjoyment at yard sales. She was preceded in death by: Her parents, Irving and Hattie Boyd. Clare leaves behind: Her son, Mike Olson and wife Janet of Fairfield, CA; Daughters, Christie Donahue and husband Mikel of Broken Arrow, OK Marcy Blanton and husband JD of Purcell, OK & her "Adopted Daughter" Susan Jenkins of Purcell, OK Sister, Charmayne Sneed and husband Sam of Greene, IA; 5 grandchildren; Kevin,

Cory and Amanda Yeager & Christopher and Ryan Olson, 3 great grandchildren, her beloved dog, "Joey" and a host of other family and friends. Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Monday, February 29, 2016, at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at the Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements by Wilson-Little Funeral Home of Purcell.