

# Moffat County Fair Dedicated to The Memory of Shirley May Seals Seely



Shirley was raised in Craig, CO after her parents moved here from McCook, NE. She spent her youth with her siblings and home-town friends. Shirley worked at a young age baby-sitting. She often times could be found with her good friends at Football games. She worked at Cowan's Drug store during High School as a soda-jerk and counter salesgirl. Her mother, Mary Seals, was a home seamstress and taught her girls to sew and quilt. Shirley made her own clothes. When she married David Seely in 1960, she began to help work the K-Diamond Ranch. She was an excellent cook and was well known for making the best home-cooked meals. She cooked for hired- hands, spur of the moment guests, hunters, friends, and family.

Shirley also sewed for her girls and taught them sewing, embroidery, crochet, and knitting. She could always produce a beautiful and well-made piece of clothing. She was particular in her work and could make a beautiful wool suit, prom dresses and wedding dresses, doll clothes or hand-pieced quilt. Her favorite project that she took special care to work on was an embroidered and quilted comforter and pillow sham set with pink floral circlets with eyeleted trim.

Shirley served as a 4-H clothing/sewing leader off and on for ten years and often submitted projects in the Open quilting and canning divisions. She supported her daughters in 4-H and FFA by sharing her knowledge of canning, gardening, sewing, and baking. Everyone was happy to see her at the market shows during Fair. Her girls especially! Lunch was the best part of the day. Shirley and her husband, David, supported the 4-H and FFA Market Sale each year. She took pride in everything she produced and shared with family and friends. She was often requested to bake or cook for special community functions. She donated her time to various Church and local Service Groups.

Shirley enjoyed being a part of the community and will be well remembered for her dedication and love to her family. She passed on her skills and wonderful recipes to her daughters and granddaughters.

The Seely family appreciates the recognition of Shirley by the Junior Livestock Sale Foundation and the Moffat County Fair Board as we know how important being involved in the projects, shows and sales was to her as she supported her family and friends!