Chapter 10

Harold

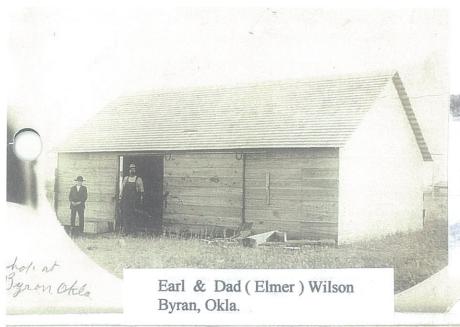


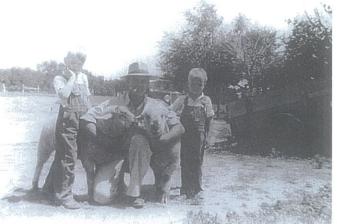




Dale, Agnes, Joyce & Don

Dad Wilson & Earl





Donald, Harold & Dale





Elmer, Delmar, Minnie, Harold, Elizabeth
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Firdt Reunion Aug. 7, 1949

Agnes Mendenhall

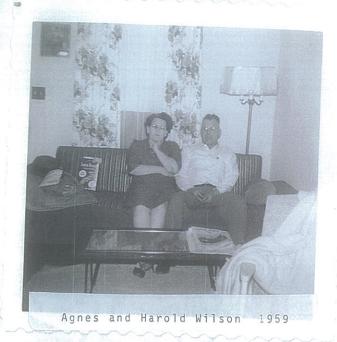


Peg, Agnes & Joyce, Elizabeth, Harold Tom , Jean, Judy & Joyce





Elva Wilson Tiller, Agnes Wilson
McKenney & brother Roy Mendenhall
July 27, 1976



Bill, Agnes Wilson Mckenney,

Elva Wilson Tiller, Ray



Mendenhall-Brothers & Sisters
March 1969



Joe & Agnes Wilson McKenney
July 27, 1976

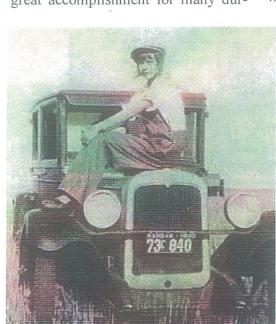
Agnes Mae (Mendenhall) Wilson McKenney-Independent, Quiet, Beautiful Lady



Agnes and Ralph (cousin) Mendenhall

Agnes Mae Mendenhall was born September 20, 1914 in Rush County, Kansas. She was the youngest of eight children. She lived on a farm between LaCrosse and Nekoma, Kansas. Her parents, Edward Lincoln Mendenhall and Lucy (Kramer), wend a small family farm.

Agnes completed the 8th grade, a great accomplishment for many dur-



Agnes

ing the '20s and '30s. Agnes met Harold Clayton Wilson through her sister, Elva, who had married Harold's brother, Elmer.

Harold married Agnes on July 15, 1933 in Larned, Kansas. After they were married they lived in Nekoma where Harold worked for a farmer. They lived with his parents for awhile before moving into a small house on their property.

Agnes and Harold had three children: Donald Ray, born July 20, 1936; Dale Howard, born February 27, 1938; and Joyce Ann, born September 26, 1942. They were all born while the family lived at Nekoma.

They moved to Otis, Kansas where Harold worked at the helium plant. They lived in Scott City, Kansas for a short period of time while Harold worked for the gas company; then they

moved back to Otis, where Harold worked for Kansas-Nebraska Gas Company. The family then decided to move back to Nekoma where they were living with Harold's sister and brother-in-law on their farm west of Nekoma.

In 1948, they moved to Beeler, Kansas. They lived in a two-room house that had "outdoor plumbing" and they took baths in a round tub with water heated on the stove. During this time Harold worked at a grain elevator. From Beeler, the family moved to Grinnell, Kansas in the early 1950s. A few years later, they moved to Page

City where Harold managed the Coop grain elevator. Menlo, Kansas



Dale, Agnes, Joyce, and Don

was their next move. Harold managed the Co-op there until his death in 1961.

As a family, in the evenings they played cards and games –



Agnes and Harold Wilson 1959



Joe and Agnes McKenney

Monopoly and Parcheesi, and listened to the radio. Joyce recalls having one of the first television sets in the area. She used to sit and watch the "snow" hours and actually see something in a while.

After Harold's death, Agnes moved to Colby, Kansas and began working at Fredrick's Pharmacy, now Palace Drug. She worked as a sales clerk and at the soda fountain. She worked there until her retirement in 1981.



While working at the drug store she met Joe McKenney. They were quietly married on November 5, 1964 in Atwood, Kansas. Joe ran a service station in Colby, now known as Love's Country Store. Agnes moved to Meadowlark Manor in 1982, after Joe's death, where she resided until May 1, 2008.

Agnes always enjoyed playing cards and bingo several times a week. She ate dinner at the Senior Center in Fike Park, and took her daily evening walk whenever weather permitted. Agnes enjoyed all types of needlework; all of the pictures, pillows, and other craft projects in her room were made by her. She also enjoyed crossword puzzles and reading.

Agnes suffered numerous tragedies in her life, from the death of her father when she was nine years old through the loss of her mother, two husbands, two sons, all of her seven siblings, plus many other relatives and friends. These tragedies have made Agnes the strong, independent woman she is today.

Agnes joined us at Prairie Senior Liv-

ing Complex in May 2008. She enjoys frequent visits from her daughter, Joyce. Agnes was described as quiet, stubborn, frugal, and independent. A great friend

described her as a beautiful lady.

Joyce Nolette Agnes' Daughter



Harold and Agnes before they married.



Agnes and Tenie Mendenhall



Left to right; Agnes, Dale, Rex and Connie Wilson



Agnes' mom, Lucy Mendenhall third from left, and Agnes is at far right.

Harold & Agnes Wilson

By Joyce Nollette

Harold Clayton Wilson was born April 21, 1912 in Harper County, Kansas. He was the youngest of ten children. He moved with his family to Nekoma, Kansas where his father was a blacksmith until his death. My Dad's parents and many of his brothers and sisters died before I was born. The only ones I really remember are Elmer, Delmer, Roy and Elizabeth. I have vague memories of going to Earl and Connie Wilson's but I think that was after Connie remarried Henry York.

Harold married Agnes Mae Mendenhall on July 15, 1933 at Larned, KS. Agnes was born September 20, 1914 in Rush County, Kansas. She was the youngest of 8 children. She lived on a farm between La Crosse, KS and Nekoma, KS.

After they were married they lived in Nekoma where Harold worked for a farmer. They lived with his parents for a while then moved into a small house on their property.

They had three children. Donald Ray – born July 20, 1936; Dale Howard – born February 27, 1938 and Joyce Ann – born September 26, 1942.

All of us were born while they were living in Nekoma. Don was born in La Crosse, KS; Dale was born at home in Nekoma; and Joyce was born in Hays, Kansas.

They moved to Otis, Kansas; Harold worked at the helium plant. They lived in Scott City, KS for a short period of time while Harold worked for the gas company; then they moved back to Otis, KS where Harold worked for Kansas-Nebraska Gas Company.

We moved back to Nekoma and were living with Uncle Tom and Aunt Elizabeth, Dad's sister, on their farm near Nekoma, KS when I started school. They lived on a farm west of Nekoma. This was where most of the family gatherings were held. We were very close to Uncle "Pug" (Elmer), (Dad's brother), and Aunt Elva, (Mom's sister) and their family.

We moved to Beeler, KS in 1948 or 1949. The house we lived in at Beeler was a two-room house. We had "outdoor plumbing" and took baths in a round tub with water heated on the stove. Dad worked for a grain elevator.

We moved from Beeler to Grinnell, KS in the early 1950"s. Dad worked for a grain elevator. My oldest brother, Don, graduated from high school at Grinnell. He then went to college at Fort Hays.

We spent quite a bit of time visiting with relatives in Gove County when we lived in Grinnell. Dad's brother, Delmer, worked for Roscoe Coberly and lived on a farm along the Smoky River. I would go and stay with them occasionally. I had a cousin, Carmellia, who was my age. We would also go to Goodland and see Uncle Roy and Aunt Nell Wilson.

When I was in the 7th grade, we moved to Page City, KS where my Dad was the manager of the Co-op grain elevator. My brother, Dale graduated from high school at Page City.

I graduated from the 8th grade and went my freshman year there. They closed the school at the end of my freshman year.

I can remember having one of the first television sets in the area when we lived in Page City. You could sit and watch the snow for hours and actually see something once in awhile

My parents moved to Menlo, KS during the first semester of my sophomore year; I graduated from high school in Menlo. Dad managed the Co-op there until his death in December, 1961.

My Dad liked to fish. I can remember going fishing a lot when I was small. We played cards and games – Monopoly and Parcheesi – as a family in the evenings and listened to the radio – Fibber McGee and Molly; Jack Benny. Dad liked to work on radios; there were always lots of resisters, condensers and radio tubes lying around the house

Dad always followed the school sport activities. Don played football and basketball at Grinnell and Dale played basketball at Page City. He went to ballgames wherever we lived.

The only vacation I can remember my parents taking was when I was a junior in high school. Uncle Roy and Aunt Nell went with my parents and myself to the Black Hills for a week.

We never missed a Wilson reunion. That was the big occasion of the year. A lot of them were held in Nekoma at the township hall but I can also remember some at Scott Lake, Cedar Bluff Lake and at Gove, KS.

Memorial Day was also a big family holiday. We usually went to Nekoma and stayed with either Pug & Elva or Tom & Elizabeth. Everyone went to the cemeteries in La Crosse and Nekoma. Most of Mom's family is buried in La Crosse; Dad's parents are buried in Nekoma. Dad is also buried in the Nekoma cemetery.

After Dad passed away in 1961, Mom moved to Colby and worked at Frederick's Pharmacy until she retired in 1981. She married Joe McKenney on November 5, 1964. He worked at a filling station in Colby when they were married; he passed away in January 1982. My kids called him Grandpa Joe.

After Joe passed away, Mom moved into an apartment in Meadowlark Manor in Colby. She led a very active live there. She loved playing cards and bingo and could be found about every afternoon at the center. She also enjoyed doing needlework, crossword puzzles and find it word puzzles. She walked every evening when weather permitted. Macular degeneration and a bad knee forced her to give up many of these activities she loved in later years. In May, 2008, she moved to Prairie Senior Living Center where she lived until she passed away in August, 2013.

Harold (Sam) Wilson by Floyd Wilson of Great Bend

Uncle Harold (Sam) Wilson was the youngest sibling of Grandpa and Grandma Wilson. (Elmer & Eva) He married the youngest sibling of Grandpa and Grandma Mendenhall (Edward & Lucy), Agnes Mendenhall. Two brothers, Elmer Wilson and Harold Wilson, married two sisters, Elva Mendenhall and Agnes Mendenhall. In the early years of their marriage, I am not sure where they lived but through conversation I was told they lived out in western Kansas. My first memory was of them living with Grandma and Grandpa Wilson when Grandma was ill. They then moved north of Nekoma on the Luke Moran place. We, the Elmer Wilson family, lived approximately 1 ¼ miles west and south of them on the Mike Moran place so we spent quite a bit of time together especially us the four boys, Donald, Dale, Robert and myself. They also had a pretty daughter named Joyce who was all girl and refused to be a part of any rough house boys romps.

Again, I can not remember dates, but they moved off of the Luke Moran farm and into Nekoma. They lived there for a while until Uncle Harold got a job at the Otis Helium Plant. Harold worked at the Helium Plant through the years, WW2. Some time later he took a job at a booster station at Leoti, Kansas. The family moved to Scott City and he commuted to Leoti to work. I remember visiting the family on several occasions. I would get on the train at Nekoma and ride to Scott City, stay for a few days and ride the train back.

Harold later took a job at Beeler, Kansas as an Elevator employee. He enjoyed the community very much. He became involved with the youth in the Beeler community - Boy Scouts etc. He also had a very devastating experience there. He and another father took some boys on a fishing trip on the Smoky Hill river. They had taken a boat with them. When they all went to bed Harold told them they would set lines the next day, but during the night some of the boys decided to take the boat. It capsized and there was loss of life. Harold grieved for some time over the incident.

Harold later moved his family to Grinnell and became manager of the Elevator there. He received a better offer later at Page City and moved his family to Page City. While living in Grinnell, there the family had grown up. Donald, the oldest son, found a very nice local girl and wound up a married man as did my brother, Robert. Again two boys, cousins, Donald and Robert, married two sisters. Donald to Marge Mather and Robert to Carol Mather. Dale also found a very nice girl in neighboring town, Menlo, Kansas and also was stricken by the love bug and married Joyce Duffy.

Harold later became manager of the Menlo, Kansas Elevator and moved his family there. He remained in Menlo until his death in 1961.

I have many good memories of "Sam" because we shared many enjoyable outings. We both loved to hunt and fish and enjoy the outdoors. I also have good memories of Aunt Agnes. She was always willing to put up with us boys. When I returned from military service, I took a job at Oakley, Kansas with a construction company and was driving truck and had irregular hours, but every chance I got I would stop and visit and bum a meal.

After Harold's death, Aunt Agnes moved to Colby, Kansas. Took a job and remarried to Joe McKenney. Joe passed away and Aunt Agnes still lives in Colby, Kansas in a retirement home. I stop and see her whenever we have an opportunity.

Also, that good looking daughter, Joyce, married a fellow from Monument and raised two children, Gayla and Tim. That fellow was Kent Nollette, a teacher and farmer. He was killed in an accident.

This is my recollection of the life of Harold (Sam) Wilson.

J. Harold Clayton Wilson Birth: April 21, 1912

> Place: Harper County, Kansas Death: December 30, 1961 Cemetery: Nekoma, Kansas

Married: July 15, 1933; Larned, Kansas

Children Born To This Union:

Donald Ray (Don)
Dale Howard
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Agnes Mae Mendenhall September 20, 1914 LaCrosse, Kansas August 3, 2013 Nekoma, Kansas

July 20, 1936 February 27, 1938 September 26, 1942

Agnes Remarried: Joe McKenney

Birth: July 3, 1894 Place: Chester, Nebraska Death: January 14, 1982

Cemetery: Lenora, Kansas; South Cemetery Married: November 5, 1964: Atwood, Kansas

Marjorie Kay Mather

March 7, 1942

Grinnell, Kansas

Joyce Ann Duffey

Menlo, Kansas

December 28, 1940

1) Donaold Ray Wilson (Don)

Birth: July 20, 1936 Place: LaCrosse, Kansas Death: July 12, 1988 Cemetery: Oakley, Kansas

Married: September 15, 1963; Grinnell, Kansas

Children Born To This Union:

Kimberly Ann Denise Kaye October 12, 1964 October 3, 1967

2) Dale Howard Wilson

Birth: February 27, 1938 Place: Nekoma, Kansas Death: August 7, 1998

Death: August 7, 1998 Cemetery: Menlo, Kansas

Married: March 8, 1959; Menlo, Kansas

Children Born To This Union:

Susan Marie Debra Ann Douglas April 17, 1960 May 29, 1961 May 28, 1963 3) Joyce Ann Wilson

Birth: September 26, 1942

Place: Hays, Kansas

Death:

Cemetery:

Married: August 27, 1961; Menlo, Kansas

Children Born To This Union:

Gayla Rence Timothy Paul February 2, 1963

Kent Winston Nollette

November 16, 1942

Monument, Kansas

Colby, Kansas June 6, 1983

May 24, 1966

I hereby certify that the above is a true and dorrect copy of the original certificate on file in the office of the State Board of Health. CERTIFIED COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE

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bituaries

Donald Ray Wilson

Donald Ray Wilson, 51, died Tuesday, July 12, 1988, at the Humana Hospital in Dodge City, KS. He was born July 20, 1936, in LaCrosse, KS, to Harold C. Wilson Methodist Church in Montezuma. and Agnes M. Mendenhall Wilson. He was united in marriage to Marjorie K. Mather on Sept. 15, 1963, at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell, KS. They established their first home in Grinnell. Two daughters were born to complete their home - Kimberly Ann and Denise Kay.

Don graduated in 1959 from Fort Hays State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He served as an Analyst in accounting in the U.S. Army from July 1959 to June 1961, serving both state-side and in Germany. He was employed as Assistant Manager .of the Montezuma Co-op Exchange beginning in 1971, coming here

from McPherson, KS, where he was also employed by the Co-op. Don began his 27 year career with the Co-op in Grinnell in 1961.

Don was a member of the United He was a former member of the Board of Education of the Montezuma Schools. Don enjoyed gardening, reading, photography, and fishing. He also enjoyed hunting for sharks' teeth and fossils at the chalk Pyramids in southern Gove County and surrounding

He was preceded in death by his father in 1961. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, of the home; daughter, Kimberly A. Deal and husband Steve of Topeka, and Denise K. Wilson of Wichita: mother, Agnes McKenney Colby; brother, Dale H. Wilson and wife Joyce of Nebraska City, NE; sister, Joyce Nollette of Monument, and a host of other relatives, and an



endless number of friends. He was a loving husband and father, and will be greatly missed by many who knew him.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on July 14, 1988, at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma, with the Rev. Wayne Sharp officiating. Burial was at Oakley Cemetery in Oakley, Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church Grinnell.

Obifuary

HAROLD C. WILSON

Harold Clayton Wilson, son of Elmer G. and Eva Snow Wilson, was born April 21, 1912, in Waldron, Harper county, Kansas. He died at his home in Menlo, Kansas, Dec. 30, 1961, at the age of 49 years, 8 months, and 9 days.

Mr. Wilson had been manager of the Farmers Union Coop. association at Menlo for the past four years.

He married Agnes Mendenhall July 15, 1933, at Larned, Kansas. To this union three children were born: Joyce Ann Nollette, Hays; Dale Howard, Menlo; and Donald Ray, Grinnell.

Mr. Wilson was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Earl, Shields; Ralph, Goodland; and Elmer, Nekoma; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Hughes, Waldron, and Mrs. Minnie Hobson, Bartlesville, Okla.

Survivors are his widow, Agnes; three children, Mrs. Kent Nollette, Hays; Dale, Menlo; and Donald, Grinnell; one sister, Mrs. Thomas Baldwin, Nekoma; two brothers, Roy, Goodland, and Delmer, Shields; two grandchildren, Debra and Susan, and a host of relatives and friends.

Mr. Wilson was a member of the Masonic lodge at La-Crosse, Kansas.

Funeral services were conducted at Pittman, Funeral home in LaCrosse Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1962, with the Rev. A. Dale Crain officiating.

Pallbearers were Leslie Burger, Harvey Steiger, Roy Hatton, Dale Famer, Oliver Lindeman, and Norman Channell. Burial was in the Nekoma cemetery.

Agnes Mae Jalma McKenney 8-6-13

COLBY — Agnes Mae
McKenney, 98, of Colby,
died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013.
She was born Sept. 20, 1914,
in LaCrosse to Edward
Lincoln and Lucy Kramer
Mendenhall.

She married Harold C. Wilson on July 15, 1933, in Larned. To this union, three children were born, Donald Ray, Dale Howard and Joyce Ann. After Harold's death in 1961, Agnes moved to Colby. She married Joe McKenney on Nov. 5, 1964.

She worked at Frederick's Pharmacy, later Palace Drug, until her retirement in 1981. She enjoyed her job, which included working at the soda fountain and clerking in the store. After Joe's death, she moved to Meadowlark Manor and lived there until May 1, 2008. when she moved to Prairie Senior Living Complex. She enjoyed playing cards and bingo at the center at Meadowlark Manor. She also enjoyed doing needlework, crossword puzzles and reading as long as her sight permitted.

Preceded in death by: her parents; husbands, Harold and Joe; sons, Donald and Dale; two sisters; and five brothers. Survivors: daughter, Joyce Nollette, of Monument; daughters-in-law, Marge (Donald) Wilson, of Newton, and Joyce (Dale) Wilson, of Colby; seven grandchildren; 18 greatgrandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation: 5-6:30 p.m. today at Baalmann Mortuary, Colby. Funeral: 10 a.m. Mednesday, Aug. 7, at the mortuary. Memorials: Prairie Senior Living Complex, in care of Baalmann Mortuary, P.O. Box 391, Colby 67701. Condolences: www.baalmannmortuary.com.

JOSEPH ARTHUR McKENNEY

Joseph Arthur McKenney, one of two sons and two daughters born to William And Clara Flum McKenney, was born July 2, 1894, in Chester, Neb. He died Jan. 14, 1982 in Colby at age eightyseven.

As a young man he worked on a Nebraska ranch.

Mr. McKenney married Edith Simpson in Norton on April 28, 1915. The couple then moved to Leonora where he worked in the petroleum business, delivering fuel to area farmers.

In 1942 they moved to Colby where he continued in the petroleum business.

On Nov. 5, 1964, Mr. McKenney married Agnes Wilson in Atwood. They made thier home in Colby.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Edith in 1953, and a daughter, Melba Frve.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes; daughters Louis Hall and Ardith McKenney of Arvada, Colo.; stepchildren Dale Wilson, Beatrice, Neb., Don Wilson, Montezuma, and Joyce Nollette, Monument; twelve grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at the South Cemetery, Lenora, on Saturday, Jan. 16 with the Rev. Emerson Gillet officiating.

Paulibearers included Don Frye, Kent Mollette, Ron Henry, Dale Wilson, Wilbur Henry and Richard Henry. Dale Howard Wilson Feb. 27, 1938–Aug. 7, 1998

Dale Howard Wilson, 60, died Aug. 7, 1998, at Citizens Medical Center, Colby.

Wilson's lifelong career was general manager of cooperatives in Kansas and Nebraska. He enjoyed his work and everyone he worked with. In his spare time, he liked spending time with the family and grandkids and doing a little fishing.

He was born Feb. 27, 1938, at Nekoma to Harold C. Wilson and Agnes M. Mendenhall Wilson.

He was married to Joyce Duffey on March 8, 1959, at Menlo.

He is survived by his wife Joyce of the home; daughters Susan and husband Rob Staley of Granbury, Texas; Debbie and husband Brian Applebaugh of Carbondale; son Doug and wife Michelle of Imperial, Neb.; five grandchildren, Abby and Chris Staley of Granbury, Texas, Jessica

Applebaugh of Carbondale, and Lindsey and Taylor Wilson of Imperial, Neb.; his mother Agnes McKinney of Colby; sister, Joyce Nollette of Monument; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were Monday morning at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, Colby, the Rev. Terry Turner officiating.

Pallbearers were Floyd Wilson, Rob Staley, Tony Butts, Robert Wilson, Brian Applebaugh and Jason Duffey.

Jeff Wagoner was musician.
Burial was in Menlo Cemetery,

Menlo.

Kent Winston Nollette

Kent Winston Nollette was born Nov. 16, 1942 in Colby, Kansas to Cleo Greenwood Nollette and Paul Nollette, the second of four sons. He passed away on June 6, 1983, at the age of 40 years, six months and 21 days.

He attended Monument School and graduated in 1960. Kent then attended KU his freshman year and graduated from Fort Hays State in 1966. After graduating from college he taught woodworking and math several years at LaCrosse, Ellis and Winona.

On Aug. 27, 1961, he was joined in marriage to Joyce Ann Wilson in Menlo. To this union two children were born, a daughter, Gayla and a son, Tim.

He had a love for woodworking and working with stained glass. Fishing and hunting were two passtimes he enjoyed very much. Kent had a great love for his family and for farming. He was engaged in farming most of his life. Preparing the land for the planting of crops, watching them grow and then harvesting them was a great joy in his life. He was always busy with farming, crafts or helping others.

Kent was trustee for Monument Township for several years and took an active interest in the community. Much of his time was spent helping to improve the township.

He was preceded in death by father Paul Nollette in 1980.

Kent lives on in the memory on beloved wife, Joyce; his daugled Gayla of Wichita, Ks.; his son, Tender, Cleo, Monument; three biers and their wives, Randall Donna, San Jose, Calif., Michael Lorraine, Monument; Joel and Die, Wichita, Grandmother, Vergustes, Monument; mother-in-law, nes McKenny, Colby; and a hos nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, sins and many many friends.