



Beverly 'Bev' J. Gierhan

February 14, 1939 - May 14, 2022

Beverly 'Bev' J. Gierhan, age 83, of Kearney, passed away Saturday, May 14, 2022 at her home. Funeral services will be conducted at Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Kearney at 10:00 am, Saturday, May 21, 2022 with Pastor John Rasmussen officiating. Burial will follow at the Greenwood Cemetery in Franklin, NE. Visitation will be 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Friday, May 20, 2022 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later.

Beverly (Bev) Gierhan (Schmidt) was born on Valentine's Day in North Platte, Nebraska to Charles and Doris (Hall) Schmidt. She grew up and attended rural schools in the sandhills of McPherson and Hooker counties until the age of 12. The family then moved to a ranch in Garfield County near Chambers, Nebraska. After graduating from Burwell High School, she attended Kearney State College where she earned her degree in teaching.

Her teaching career began in rural schools in Thomas, Garfield and Holt counties, ending in the Lexington Public School system for 41 years total. After her retirement she did substitute teaching for Kearney Public Schools. During her full-time teaching career, she was a member of several educational organizations and held offices in some. They were: Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Delta Gamma, P.E.O. and N.S.E.A..

She married Martin (Bud) Gierhan at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington, Neb. They lived in Lexington until 1993 when they moved to Kearney to be nearer family. Her greatest joy was spending time with her two sons, Mike and

Jim and 4 grandchildren that called her Momo, Jonathan Gierhan, Jenny Gierhan Fisher, Adam Gierhan and Ryan Gierhan. She was also an avid reader, afghan crocheter, and crafter. She enjoyed being with her friends painting, sewing, crafting, growing flowers and going to dances with Bud. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and participated in Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Survivors include son Jim and wife Rhonda Gierhan of Clay Center, KS.; daughter-in-law Susan Gierhan; grandchildren, Jonathan and wife Sarah Gierhan of Kearney, Jenny and husband Evan Fisher of Lincoln, Adam and wife Amanda Gierhan and Ryan and Rebecka Gierhan of Clay Center, KS.; 6 great grandchildren, Ava, Izzy, Owen, Konnor, Mia, & Abigail; a brother David and wife Barb Schmidt of Chelsea, AL; other relatives and friends.

Beverly is preceded in death by her parents, husband Bud Gierhan, son Mike Gierhan and brother Gary Schmidt.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

H Road
Franklin, NE 68939

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran
3315 11th Avenue
Kearney, NE

Tribute Wall



“ Beverly 'Bev' J. Gierhan

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Love...Carie Schmidt & son, Brandon purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Beverly 'Bev' J. Gierhan.



Love...Carie Schmidt & son, Brandon - May 19, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Beverly 'Bev' J. Gierhan.



May 19, 2022 at 09:12 AM

RB

“Mrs. Gierhan was one of our many beloved Teachers at Pershing Elementary who always had her student’s best interest at heart! We were very fortunate at Lexington Public Schools to have the quality of Teachers like Bev, as well as many others to not only teach scholastic curriculum, but life skills as well.

She always enjoyed sharing her point of view on subject matters important to her; so in her honor I will share a point of view important to me in this tribute posting...

I was fortunate to have Mrs. Gierhan as my teacher, and next door neighbor on 5th Street for most of my upbringing. I also benefited from her and Bud bringing into this world their caring son, Jim who I looked up to as my neighbor, my junior legion baseball coach, a classmate to brother, Troy and life-long friend who helped form many wonderful memories growing up in Lexington!

As my parent’s would often mention, “Back in the ‘Good Old Days’ - parents’ worked side-by-side with the Teachers to mold children into hardworking, self-disciplined, student role models for lower grade levels to witness and carried on the development of young people within the Lexington Public School System!”

Learning from our mentors (our loving parents and devoted teachers) the keen sense of understanding right from wrong in any situation we would be faced with in life, has been a blessing!

In addition, at the same time we were being taught the crucial “emphasize” of character within a person, and always doing the right thing - even when someone else isn’t watching!

Now, as the years have passed so quickly, I must say - as I reminisce how fortunate we were as students’ to have educators such as Mrs. Gierhan in our lives that demonstrated care to youth in a very genuine demeanor, and did so not needing the spotlight on themselves; - ALL for the benefit of the next generation, and our

communities. Needless to say, this does not happen everywhere...

Growing up during the tenor of so many appreciated educators in Lexington was truly an honor to be part of! Your efforts are not overlooked, and truly assisted in facilitating me into the son, brother, husband, father, uncle, friend, and Christian man who I have become.

With deep appreciation, I thank our educators - and Peace Be To The Memory of Mrs. Gierhan...

Now your work is done, May God Uphold You With The Righteous of His Right Hand...

With sympathy and fondness from your former student, old neighbor, and friend.

*Ryan Bauer
On behalf of our entire family.*

Ryan Bauer - May 19, 2022 at 03:09 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Beverly 'Bev' J. Gierhan.*



May 18, 2022 at 02:43 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Beverly 'Bev' J. Gierhan.*



May 18, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ *Beverly was my first teacher and I really liked her. she was so sweet!! Cindy (Miles) Fluckey*

Mrs. Cindy (Miles) Fluckey - May 17, 2022 at 11:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Beverly 'Bev' J. Gierhan.*



May 17, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Beverly 'Bev' J. Gierhan.*



May 16, 2022 at 12:26 PM

RD

“ I remember being at her house with my mom and other teacher friends one time and we were painting “Giving “ plates .. she was a wonderful lady and has a special place in my heart.

Rhonda Nelson (Darlene Malcom daughter) - May 16, 2022 at 11:21 AM

ST

“ Dear Gierhan family, I was in the 3rd grade the same year Bev started her teaching career at Pershing! Over the years, she was to become a wonderful friend and mentor to both me and my daughter. I will forever appreciate the support, wisdom, and honesty that her influence brought to our lives. She was much loved, and will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sarah Taylor

Sarah Taylor - May 16, 2022 at 11:03 AM