



## Bonnie J. Roland

March 21, 1931 - February 9, 2026

Bonnie J. Roland, age 94, of Omaha, passed away on Monday, February 9, 2026 at An Angels Touch assisted living in Omaha. Memorial services will be on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at Living Faith Fellowship Church in Kearney. There will be no visitation and burial will take place at a later date. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church, Omaha; or Johnson Lake Fire & Rescue. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Bonnie was born on March 21, 1931, in Litchfield, Nebraska, to Tom and Opal (Sigler) Newman. She attended Ansley High School and graduated with the class of 1949. Bonnie was a cheerleader who married her high school sweetheart, Ansley football standout, Ralph Roy Roland. They were married on September 10, 1950. The couple lived in Broken Bow, Nebraska, where Bonnie worked for Broken Bow State Bank and Ralph farmed. They then moved to Kearney, Nebraska, so Ralph could pursue his college education.

Although Bonnie had a scholarship to attend college, she was highly recommended by the President of Broken Bow State Bank to apply at Platte Valley State Bank in Kearney and was hired. She started her career as a teller and worked her way up as an officer. Bonnie began her employment with the bank on August 12, 1963, and retired on August 01, 2001, from Platte Valley

State Bank, now known as First National Bank of Omaha. During her career in Kearney, she was very involved in community leadership, serving as Chamber Envoys Chairperson, and was respected highly by all. Matter of fact, she was fondly known as the “Queen Bee” of Kearney. In addition, she was a member of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) in Lexington, NE; member of Kearney Faculty wives, and served on Mike Johann’s election committee. In earlier years, she was a member of First Christian Church in both Broken Bow and Kearney; Bonnie became a member of the First Christian Church in Omaha, Nebraska, on March 9, 2025. She also enjoyed working outside with her flowers, embroidering, and playing bridge with her friends.

Bonnie and Ralph spent most of their life in Kearney before retiring at Johnson Lake, Nebraska, where lots of family and friends gathered and made so many memories with them. In February of 2024, they moved to Omaha and resided at Marquis Place in Elkhorn, Nebraska. After her husband’s passing, Bonnie moved to An Angel’s Touch, a loving assisted and memory care home in Omaha, Nebraska.

Surviving relatives include her daughters, Christine Sanders (Bob) of Green Valley, Arizona, Sharen Wroblewski (Jim) of Elkhorn, Nebraska and Karen Thompson (Blain) of Johnson Lake, Nebraska; Grandchildren include Jarrod and Brandon Sanders, Angie Butler, Cory Wroblewski and Colby Christensen; She is also survived by 9 great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews; Surviving siblings include Darlene Price of Ansley, Nebraska, Larry Newman (Alice) of Lincoln, Nebraska and Kenneth Newman (Nancy) of Sutherland, Nebraska.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ralph; parents, Tom and Opal (Sigler) Newman; Siblings, Tommie Newman of Lincoln, Nebraska, Richard Newman of Ceresco, Nebraska, Marie Payne (Robert) of Kearney, Nebraska; brother-in-Law, Jim Price, of Ansley, Nebraska; Betsy Mae, great-

granddaughter, of Bennington, Nebraska.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

Living Faith Fellowship Church  
3311 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall

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“ So many wonderful memories of the time I got to spend with Bonnie and Ralph as a young girl. I remember singing "Puff the magic dragon" in the back of their station wagon until I'm sure they were begging for peace and quiet!! And of course lake time ! Blessings to all. With much love, Tanya (niece).

Tanya Evans - February 26 at 07:18 AM

AT

“ An Angel's Touch purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bonnie J. Roland.



An Angel's Touch - February 20 at 04:04 PM

DE

“ Thinking of you all! Bonnie & Ralph were both such special people. I still remember boating across Johnson Lake to watch fireworks with them & battling the waves to get back to our tent. I'm thankful for the relationship my folks had with them....sharing a lot of memories (as well as their wedding). You will be missed but the memories will be cherished.

Love & prayers,  
Denise (Ferguson) Schnackenberg

denise - February 17 at 07:13 PM

MB

“ May your family find comfort in your cherished memories. Melvina and George Bundy

Melvina Bundy - February 16 at 03:49 PM

AS

*May God give you comfort and memories warm your hearts. Ann Spangler*

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**Ann Spangler** - February 23 at 02:25 PM

MW

“ *A wonderful life lived to the fullest. It was an honor to know her and spend time with her. Bonnie was kind, thoughtful, hip and young at heart till the end. Rest In Peace, Bonnie you had a wonderful life and leave an impressive legacy!*

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**Marilyn Wiederspan** - February 13 at 10:22 AM

JS

“ *So sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing What a lovely welcoming lady with a beautiful smile I so enjoyed spending time with her and family at her Kearney home and at the lake cabin! I can only imagine the reunion in heaven with family and friends especially with her beloved husband May God bless you all as you honor b  
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**Janelle Stadler** - February 12 at 06:13 PM