



## Carol J. Phillips

October 22, 1939 - March 7, 2021

Carol Jean Phillips, 81, of Pleasanton died Sunday, March 7, 2021, at St. Luke's Good Samaritan Society in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Pleasanton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kayla Mangrich officiating. Social distancing and masks will be required at the service. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed on the Pleasanton United Methodist Church Facebook page. Burial will follow at Pleasanton Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Friday at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home in Kearney. Memorials are suggested to Pleasanton United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, William, and her brother Deane Hadwiger of Pleasanton, 4 children Rick (Linda) Phillips of Mesa, AZ, Mick (Cheryl) Phillips of Greeley, CO, Lori (Mike) Conyers of Minden, NE and Ronald Phillips of Pleasanton, NE. Nine Grandchildren, Rachel, Matthew, Joshua, and Katie of Mesa, Eric of Westminster, CO, Brandon and Megan of Minden and Samantha and Nicholas of Pleasanton. One Great Grandchild Kira of Tempe AZ. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Josie and daughter in laws, Michelle Phillips, and Lori Phillips.

Carol was born October 22, 1939 to John and Josie Unick Hadwiger on the Hadwiger homestead in the Pleasant Valley area of Buffalo County. The family moved to a farm 2 miles east of Pleasanton in 1942 where Carol was able to

attend Pleasanton Public School where she graduated in 1957 as salutatorian. She attended Nebraska State Teachers College (UNK), played in the college band, and sang in the college choir, women's chorus, church choir. She enjoyed playing saxophone in Otto Vap's Dance Band. She taught at Poole, Nebraska for one year before having children. She was also 1st baseman on the Pleasanton Women's softball team.

Carol was very involved in her community. As her kids grew up, she became a loyal fan of so many baseball, softball, volleyball, basketball, and football games. In later years, she enjoyed attending sports games and other school activities to root on her grandkids. She was music director for children's, youth, and adult choirs at Pleasanton United Methodist Church for over 50 years, leading multiple cantatas, Vacation Bible School music and Kids for Christ. She also served as music director for the Pleasanton Community Theatre.

Carol reorganized the quilting group at church and helped make many quilts for the church bazaar. She acted as Treasurer for United Methodist Women and was a member of the Sunflower Extension Club and the Kensington Club. She loved to garden and can fruits and vegetables. She was known as a great cook and loved cooking for family and friends. Her specialties were donuts, huckleberry pie and all sorts of jams and jellies.

Carol and William led the Prairie Hills couples golf league for many years. It was famous for the great potlucks and socializing after the round was over. Carol enjoyed traveling with Billy and kept picture albums of all their adventures around the country.

Carol was a devoted, caring and spirited wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.



# Cemetery Details

## Pleasanton Cemetery

Pleasanton, NE 68866

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 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

MAR 13. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Pleasanton United Methodist Church  
702 N. Sycamore St.  
Pleasanton, NE 68866

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carol J. Phillips*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Carol was the center of all that happened at the Pleasanton United Methodist Church. We all enjoyed her gift of music to our church, our community, and to the many individuals she served. She was an awesome cook. We thank God she was a strong presence in the lives of our girls, Blair (Haynes) and Katie (Maschmann), as they grew from girls to adults.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Carol's family and friend. May they find comfort, hope, and peace in the knowledge of Carol's firm belief in Christ's saving grace and her life eternal. May she Rest In Peace from a life of service and a life well-lived.*

*Jenae and Jeff*

Jenae Bauer - March 13, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *Our thoughts are with all of you as you celebrate Carol's life. We have fond memories of her visits to Arizona over the years -- card games, laughs, and pies. What a life well-lived!*  
*Love, Steve and Christi Chapman and family*

Christi Chapman - March 11, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with Billy and his family. Greg and Billy went to the Army together many years ago. Then, being neighbors to them for many years was an honor. Betty Paitz*

Betty Paitz - March 10, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carol J. Phillips.*



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March 10, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *Carol was a great cousin and role model. She taught me so much about being a good mother, cook, gardener, friend. She has so many talents -music, sewing, homemaking, playing sports. She could do it all—and with quiet humility and always, kindness. I will miss her so much. She was so very proud of all her children and grandchildren, and she will live on in them.*

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**Deb Fleming** - March 09, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol J. Phillips.*



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