



Delda M. Johnson

January 31, 1935 - July 16, 2025

Delda Mae Pritchard Klein Johnson, age 90, of Pleasanton passed away July 16, 2025. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 28, 2025, at the Pleasanton United Methodist Church with Pastor Lana Day officiating. Burial will follow at the Pleasanton Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, July 27, 2025, at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Pleasanton United Methodist Church or the Pleasanton Public School Scholarship fund. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a message or condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

Delda M. Pritchard was born January 31, 1935, to Robert and Helen Jones Pritchard of Pleasanton. She was the second of seven children: June, Delda, Carolyn, Corene, Bob, Corliss and Brian. She was originally a member of the Pleasant Valley Church and later the Pleasanton United Methodist Church. She attended Pleasant Valley District #57 through the eighth grade and graduated from Pleasanton High School with the class of 1952.

Delda and her siblings spent many hours working in the fields, taking care of farm animals, canning garden produce, cooking, and maintaining the house and farm.

Delda loved to talk about being taught by her dad Robert on how to play and

pitch softball as well as her days pitching for the Pleasanton women's softball team.

Delda and Donald Klein, son of Thomas and Helen Klein, married on September 16, 1952. They initially lived in Ravenna where Donny worked at the Ravenna grain elevator and Delda worked at the dime store. They later moved to the Klein Family Farm northwest of Pleasanton where they raised their four sons: Dale, Duane, Doyle, and Don.

Delda went back to school and got a Teaching degree at Kearney State College after her youngest son Don started school. She thought it was quite funny to be taking college classes where her classmates were the age of her oldest son Dale. In addition, she said her classmates seemed quite shocked that they were taking classes with someone that was old enough to be their mom.

Delda taught elementary education for 27 years of which 25 were at Pleasanton Public Schools. First as the kindergarten teacher, then 5th grade, and ending as the 1st grade teacher.

Survivors include her children and their spouses: Dale & Sue Klein, Duane & Deb Klein, Doyle Klein, and Don & Cortney Klein; grandchildren: Joel, Mindi, Alex, Desiree, Dawn, Dustin, Nash, and Shaw; 13 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; siblings and their spouses: Corene & Errol Phillips, Corliss & Phil Dixon, Brian & Hope Pritchard, and sister-in-law Iva Pritchard as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and students.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Donald Klein, sister Carolyn, brother Bob, sister June, and brother-in-law Norman.

Cemetery Details

Pleasanton Cemetery

Pleasanton, NE 68866

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 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

JUL 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Audrey Jones Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Delda M. Johnson.*



The Audrey Jones Family - July 27, 2025 at 12:05 PM

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“ *The Audrey Jones Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delda M. Johnson.*

The Audrey Jones Family - July 27, 2025 at 12:05 PM

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“ *Huvepharma purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Delda M. Johnson.*



Huvepharma - July 25, 2025 at 09:24 AM

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“ *I will always remember Delda's quiet and friendly personality. My condolences to her family. I am sure she will be missed by all.*
LaVerna-Sorensen-Wilson

LaVerna Wilson - July 18, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Delda M. Johnson.*



July 18, 2025 at 09:27 AM