



## Donna M. Knapp

February 18, 1928 - August 4, 2023

Donna Knapp, 95, went to be with the Lord on August 4, 2023, at her home in Denver, Colorado. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 31, 2024 at the First Lutheran Church in Kearney with Pastors Rick and Michelle Carlson officiating. Burial will follow at the Kearney Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements. Donna Mae Knapp was born Feb. 18, 1928 in the state of Washington. She leaves behind her children, Nancy, Martin and Sally, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by sister, Doris Holt and brother Gale Evans. Her sister, Barbara Reifschneider, is still with us and living in California.

She was known for being a happy person who enjoyed life. She brought beauty to the world around her and could light up any room with her smile. She was an amazing painter; Cranes and nature being her favorite subjects. She also modeled, starting out at Betty Spurgeon's Studios in Omaha, Ne. in 1957. She went on to work in sales for Evans Bakery, eventually retiring to Colorado. Her time as a saleswoman was spent selling a special type of yeast now used in grocery store bakeries throughout the Midwest. This particular type of yeast allows bakeries to freeze dough which can be thawed and used to make the delicious donuts we all enjoy at grocery store bakeries today. She was tough, hard-working and a great mother. Her favorite quotes were, "A stitch in time saves nine", and "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush":

advice we live by today.

She taught her family many valuable lessons. She taught us to be brave, resilient and to have faith in the Lord who strengthens us.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **31**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
3315 Avenue G  
Kearney, NE