



Dorothy M. Kirwan

April 14, 1925 - August 23, 2017

Dorothy M. Kirwan, 92, Kearney, died Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at Mother Hull Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at First United Methodist Church with Pastor Melody Adams officiating. Burial will be at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Monday August 28, 2017 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or AseraCare Hospice.

Dorothy was born April 14, 1925 in Bertrand, Nebraska to Gust and Mabel (Broberg) Nelson. She graduated from Bertrand High School in 1942. She moved to Lexington and worked as a secretary. Dorothy married K. Arnold Kirwan on August 6, 1944. They lived in Bertrand until moving south of Kearney in 1948. Dorothy worked at Kenwood Elementary School as a para-professional. Dorothy was a member of First United Methodist Church, where she was active in United Methodist Women, Sunday School, and bible studies. She enjoyed making ceramics, doing embroidery, growing flowers, cooking, hosting holiday dinners, and most of all spending time with her family.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Kris Noetzelman and her husband Dave of Kearney, Pat Swearingen and her husband Dennis of Holdrege; daughter-in-law Teresa Kirwan-Erickson and her husband Ken of Atlanta, NE; 8 grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Arnold, three children Robert, Kathryn, and Jim, as well as three brothers.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 29. 10:30 AM (CT)

First united Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy M. Kirwan*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM

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“ Kris, Dave, Patsy, Dennis, Teresa and Ken and families,
My deepest love is being sent your way. We all loved your Mom so much. We have so many fond memories! Her laugh, her sincere concern, the interest she showed in each one of us! Years of holiday gatherings and fun at Kirwan picnics each summer. Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Arnold and the other Aunts and Uncles always made us feel right at home. What a special childhood we all had growing up. I wish more families could experience what we had! I remember one sleepover ... and Kris and Patsy will remember ... where we giggled ourselves to sleep upstairs ... out on the farm. Your Mom put up with our sleepovers and giggles into the night. Your Mom always effortlessly spent time preparing and cooking so many loving meals for my family. She really was the hostess with the mostest!

And, of course Aunt Dorothy always sent me a card on my birthday. We shared the same birthday! Aunt Dorothy was much better at sending me birthday cards than I was at sending a birthday card to her. That did not seem to bother Aunt Dorothy because the next year ... here came another birthday card for me.

I will miss your Mom! And, I know you are probably heart broken. I wish I could be there to cry with you and give you a big hug. I have been praying for you all since I got the news that your Mom passed away. The hope we have in Jesus helps give me comfort that your Mom feels really great right now and she is happy! I am sure sweet choirs of angels welcomed her into heaven!

You all did a great job of caring for your Mom. Kris and Dave what a loving couple you were to take Dorothy into your home. I know she loved that while missing her independence at the same time. I am sure it was a relief for her to stay with you. Job well done faithful servants!

We all love you and will continue to keep you in our prayers.
Karen (Kirwan), Richard, Chelsea, Grant and Jocelyn Weiner

Karen Weiner - August 29, 2017 at 11:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Kirwan.*



August 27, 2017 at 04:28 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the whole family. Dorothy was an amazing lady and will be missed.*
Kim (Frew) Peters

Kim (Frew) Peters - August 26, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Kirwan.*



August 25, 2017 at 10:33 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy, Kris and family. Your Mom was always so friendly to me when I would see her. I know you will miss her so much, Kris. Jenelle*

jenelle snow - August 25, 2017 at 01:38 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Kirwan.*



August 25, 2017 at 10:02 AM