



Elaine M. Pape

January 3, 1929 - May 9, 2019

Elaine M. Pape, 90, of Kearney, died Thursday, May 9, 2019 at her home. Memorial services for Elaine have been cancelled. No further service information is available at this time. Memorials will be used to establish a scholarship in Elaine's name for future teachers. Online condolences may be submitted at www.hlmkfuneral.com Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Elaine was born on January 3, 1929 in Oxford, NE to Louis C. and Dora L. (Hinze) Drew. She attended Mascot High School and graduated in 1945. She then attended Kearney State College and received a bachelors degree and later a masters degree in special education. Elaine married Dean F. Pape on July 30, 1950. Together they enjoyed 67 wonderful years of marriage. Elaine will be remembered by family and friends as a dedicated mother, grandmother and teacher. She loved teaching and a lengthy and prestigious teaching career, first at her alma mater, Mascot and later in Oxford. During her tenure with Oxford Public Schools she was selected Teacher of the Year. She retired in 1995 but continued as a substitute until 2004. Dean and Elaine moved to Kearney after retirement where they became members of First United Methodist Church.

Surviving relatives include her daughters, Debra and Ross Stephenson of St. Paul, MN and Dixie and Ron Barnes of Bradenton, Florida; sister, Cheryl

Vannier of Lincoln, CA; 6 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband, Dean; brothers, Neil, Kenneth, Max and Glen

Tribute Wall



“ *Elaine M. Pape*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Mrs. Pape, as I knew her, was the kindest lady and best teacher ever. I learned so much from her and thought she was the prettiest woman. I remember staying at your home, Deb and Dixie. You have my deepest sympathy. Nancy Gehrig Haney*

Nancy Haney - May 19, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ *Debbie, Dixie & Families,*

I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a very nice lady!

Thoughts and prayers,

Linda (Burgeson) Reiser

Linda Reiser - May 16, 2019 at 10:53 PM



“ *Your Mom and my Mom, Arzetta King Freeland were good friends. After my parents Bruce and Arzetta, married they bought the Drew homestead and that's where we were raised. I got my middle name after your Mom.*

Know your hearts are saddened at losing your Mom, but know you have wonderful memories to help ease the pain.

Sharon Freeland Dahlstedt - May 13, 2019 at 12:48 PM

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We are sad to hear of Elaine's passing. Wonderful Mother, neighbor, friend, teacher. Sharon Gehrig Kruback and Karen Gehrig McGuire.

Sharon Kruback - May 18, 2019 at 10:19 PM

SG

“*Dixie, Debbie & your families, prayers & condolences to all of you. Elaine was an a wonderful person that touched many, many lives. Truly touch mine...hands down the best caring teacher in my life. Please take some peace of mind knowing that God has received an Angel that needs no tutoring or teaching...she was here on earth all her life...an Angel.*

Scott & Tammy Grosenbach

Scott E Grosenbach - May 12, 2019 at 09:28 PM

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“*My Mom, Dorothy (Reiter) Peterson was maid of honor at Dean and Elaine's wedding. Like Elaine, my Mom was a country school teacher. Ironically, Dean and my Dad, Clifford Peterson, were roommates at St. Johns. That's when I met Dean and Elaine in late 2016. Dean was jovial and Elaine sharp and witty. After Dad passed away in early 2017, I would take Mom to visit Elaine periodically at Elaine's house. Elaine was good for our family as both her family and ours traveled the same path of aging loved ones at the same time. So sorry to learn of her passing. Wishing you peace.*
Curt Peterson

Curt Peterson - May 11, 2019 at 10:44 AM