



Evelyn M. Prellwitz

February 12, 1932 - September 15, 2020

Evelyn M. Prellwitz, 88, of Kearney, passed away Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at the Mother Hull Home in Kearney. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., September 21, 2020 at St. James Catholic Church with Fr. Art Faesser officiating. Burial will follow the service at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., September 20, 2020 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services and one hour prior to the service Monday at the church. The family requests that masks are worn for those attending visitation and the service. Memorials are suggested to the Prellwitz Family Scholarship Fund established with the Kearney Catholic High School Foundation.

Evelyn Marie Bartak was born on February 12, 1932, at home on the ranch in rural Wheeler County near Ewing, NE, to Emil Vencil Bartak and Johanna Judit (Jennie) Beelart Bartak. She attended grade school in a one room schoolhouse with her brother Jim and four other students. She attended a boarding style high school in Bartlett, NE graduating in 1948 at the age of 16. After high school she attended Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, IA, taking business and accounting classes. She worked at various banks and as an accountant until she married Dr. Frederick Prellwitz.

Evelyn and Fred were married on September 6, 1952, at St John's Catholic Church near Clearwater, NE. After he graduated from dental school in

Omaha, they moved and set up residence in Kearney, NE.

Evelyn raised five children and was a very talented seamstress and tailor working for Hirschfeld's Men's Clothing and the Brass Buckle. She was also very active in her children's lives as a leader in Cub Scouts, 4-H, Campfire Girls and shuttling them to various sporting and musical events. Evelyn enjoyed bowling, golf, international travel to exotic places and her bridge group.

She was a member of the St James Catholic Church Altar and Rosary Group, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Does (Elks club auxiliary), Community Concert Association and volunteered for many years helping with local elections, blood mobile canteen, KCHS School board and as a hospital volunteer at Good Samaritan Hospital. Evelyn was also an excellent cook who hosted many family and neighborhood gatherings.

Survivors include daughters, Janet (Phil) Mannhard of St. Louis, MO and Julie (Edward) Noethe of Council Bluffs, IA; sons, Daniel (Chris) Prellwitz of Mount Pleasant, IA, Bruce Prellwitz of Hastings and Cory (Julie) Prellwitz of Kearney; grandchildren, Katherine (Matt) Helbig of St. Louis, MO, Stephen (Jacquie) Mannhard of Boulder, CO, Patrick (Brittany) Mannhard of Spokane, WA, Michael (Alyse) Mannhard of Spokane, WA, Jared Prellwitz of Atlanta, GA, Graham Prellwitz of Springfield, IL, Emily Prellwitz of Denver, CO, Samuel and Benjamin Prellwitz of Kearney and Clare and Jackson Noethe of Council Bluffs, IA; great-grandchildren, Connor, Paige and Murphy Helbig and Rose and George Mannhard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather, Frank Bohn, her husband Frederick and her brother, Jim Bartak.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ Evelyn M. Prellwitz

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Julie & Family: Thank you for sharing your mom with The Noethes. I always thoroughly enjoyed visiting with Evelyn at family gatherings. She was such an interesting woman, and she was always interested in others' lives and happenings. I admired her independence, wealth of knowledge, and love of her family. She was truly a role model for her family!

Rose Miller - September 20, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. We have great memories of our dear Aunt. She was a wonderful woman who will be blessed for all of the service she did for others. So glad she can be with Uncle Fred again.

Lisa Crosby - September 19, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ I am so sorry about your Mother. She was a beautiful lady. Thought about her a few weeks ago when we were in Kearney. My triplets granddaughters shared her birthday. I am one of her younger cousins. God be with you all and comfort you. Becky Beelaert Beel Schelm

Becky - September 19, 2020 at 02:08 PM

TM

“ Tom, Caroline, Ashley, Brooke, Joy, Michael purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Evelyn M. Prellwitz.



Tom, Caroline, Ashley, Brooke, Joy, Michael - September 18, 2020 at 06:27 PM

JJ

“ Jane, Tom, Terry, Cindy, Mark & Jeanette purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Evelyn M. Prellwitz.



Jane, Tom, Terry, Cindy, Mark & Jeanette - September 18, 2020 at 12:38 PM

JR

“ Evelyn's family; Bob & I send our sympathy & prayers to all of you on the loss of your wonderful loved one. Growing up on the ranch she was a beautiful woman I always admired & looked up to.

Judy & Robert(Bartak)Eggerling - September 18, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evelyn M. Prellwitz.



September 17, 2020 at 08:59 PM

MF

“ *Mary Hays, the Lisa Crosby and Nikki Dail families purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Evelyn M. Prellwitz.*



Mary Hays, the Lisa Crosby and Nikki Dail families -
September 17, 2020 at 07:40 PM

KO

“ *So sorry to hear of your family's loss. Years ago I enjoyed lots of rounds of golf with Evelyn at Buffalo Ridge. She was a nice lady.*

Kathy Olsufka

Kathy Olsufka - September 17, 2020 at 05:34 PM

CP

“ *Evelyn's family. We are so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed visiting with Evelyn, and Fred, when we could.*
Keith and Cathy (Bartak) Palmer

Cathy Palmer - September 17, 2020 at 04:10 PM

JG

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. I am thinking of all of you during this difficult time and wish you calm during this time of grieving.*

Jody Carroll Girard - September 17, 2020 at 10:54 AM

JM

Thank you so much for the reach out. I appreciate hearing from you

janet prellwitz mannhard - September 23, 2020 at 01:01 PM

CT

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother Janet and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all
Coleen Wise Towery

Coleen Wise Towery - September 17, 2020 at 10:37 AM

JM

Your kind thoughts are very much appreciated

janet prellwitz mannhard - September 23, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Evelyn M. Prellwitz.*



September 17, 2020 at 09:51 AM