



Gertrud E. Nippert

April 6, 1930 - December 15, 2017

Gertrud Nippert, 87, of Kearney, died Friday, December 15, 2017.

Visitation will be held 12:30 PM, Thursday, December 21, one hour prior to services, at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home, 2421 Ave A, in Kearney. Funeral services will be at 1:30 PM, at the Funeral Home. A brief burial service will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Afternoon tea in memory of Mrs. Nippert will be held after the service at the Harmon Park Activity Center, 3100 5th Ave.

Gertrud was born in Otterbach, Germany, to Barbara (Gröner) Banzhaf and Heinrich Banzhaf, on April 6, 1930. She married Lauren Nippert on March 21, 1955, in Alton, Illinois.

She grew up in a Christian fellowship of friends who met in each other's homes to study the bible and worship God. It was through this fellowship that she met Lauren, an American soldier stationed in Germany, who attended meetings at their home.

Gertrud remembers her early childhood as idyllic. Later, she lived through the horrors of the Nazi culture and the bombings of WW2. She often spoke of her parents' sincere faith in God, which had kept them soft-hearted through those years of hardship and adversity.

After the war, she and her father and sisters built a home on a hilltop in the countryside they called Bergheim.

At the age of 25, after the loss of her mother, Gertrud left her family, friends, and country to marry Lauren Nippert. She and Lauren moved to Kearney in May 1955. They lived in Kearney for the rest of their lives and raised their children here.

Gertrud was known for her love of flowers and gardening, for her delicious cooking, for letter-writing and story-telling, and for her generous hospitality. She was like a mother to many other people besides her own children. She constantly gave of herself and whatever she had.

Gertrud Nippert was preceded in death by her husband, Lauren Nippert, and her sisters, Elsbeth Bell and Alice Bell of Australia. She is survived by 5 children and their spouses, Irma Nippert, Arnold and Mary Ann Nippert, Heidi and Volker Werk, Andrew Nippert, Julianna and Paul Veldkamp; and 8 grandchildren.

Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
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Kearney, NE 68847
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Funeral Service

DEC 21. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gertrud E. Nippert*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Andy, remember seeing your mother when we were living in Lincoln, NE and also your sister. Glad for faith in God. Hope all is going well for you. Love from Ray and Alma Thomas*

Ray E Thomas - December 24, 2017 at 06:33 PM



Thanks and good to hear from you! --Andy

Andrew Nippert - December 31, 2017 at 05:02 PM



“ *Thinking of you all today. Special memories of Gertrud and Lauren, and the children while we were living in Kearney. Kenny Swayne*

Kenny Swayne - December 21, 2017 at 12:49 PM



“ *We're thinking of you all with love and sympathy. Rodney & Carol Gasser*

Rodney & Carol Gasser - December 20, 2017 at 10:42 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy for you and your family, Mrs. Veldkamp. I never had the pleasure of meeting you mother, but I am sure she was lovely, her work in this life is certainly evident in you.*

Julie Osnes - December 20, 2017 at 09:46 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gertrud E. Nippert.*



December 20, 2017 at 08:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gertrud E. Nippert.*



December 20, 2017 at 12:14 AM



“ *So sorry for your lost and the absence she will leave in your life.*

Hugs

Ray and Edee Zwiefelhofer

Edee - December 19, 2017 at 11:05 PM



“ *Arnold and Mary Ann, I never met your dear mother, Arnold, but I am sorry for your loss. May your precious memories of her help to bring comfort to you in this time of heartache. Sincere sympathy.*

Betty Morris

Betty Morris - December 19, 2017 at 10:23 PM

KJ

“ Gertrud would come in the Store where I worked and we would visit about things. I loved seeing her because she was so genuine and a very wonderful Christian person. I missed her when she didn't come in and I will miss her now. Karry Jensen

Karry Jensen - December 19, 2017 at 02:28 PM

AN

Thanks so much for your very kind words! --Andy (Gertrud's son)

Andrew Nippert - December 31, 2017 at 05:06 PM

MP

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family of Gertrude Nippert, special lady.

Marlene Propp, Merv & Roberta McLeod & family.

Marlene Propp - December 19, 2017 at 11:44 AM

GY

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Gertrude. She was a special lady to all. Her godly spirit and love for all were a great influence. Orin, Gwen Yung and family

Gwen Yung - December 22, 2017 at 10:26 AM

DN

“ Heartfelt condolences to all the family. We will remember your Mom for her caring, loving kindness. She has a special place in my heart.

David Nichols - December 19, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Gertrud E. Nippert.



December 19, 2017 at 10:40 AM



“ Thinking of you children. You and your parents are amongst my happy memories of my early years in the work. That little house was as roomy as their hearts and yours. Glad we got to stop and see her briefly in June.

Love and care to each one. Glenda Pickering.

Glenda Pickering - December 18, 2017 at 05:05 PM



“ Harald, Daniel, Roland & Willy W. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gertrud E. Nippert.



Harald, Daniel, Roland & Willy W. - December 18, 2017 at 03:46 PM



“ Gertrude was a great inspiration. I loved to hear her tell of her life in Germany and the struggles the family had to keep true to God. I loved her.

Kay Dooley - December 18, 2017 at 01:01 PM

LB

I too always enjoyed visits with Gertrude and their experiences in Germany. She was always so pleasant to visit with and always appreciated her grateful spirit. Our Love and Care to all. Larry and Lola Burgess

Lola Burgess - December 20, 2017 at 10:03 AM

EP

Our condolences to Gertrud's family.. She was faithful in keeping contact with the Canadian cousins, Dad (Glenn Meyer) always appreciated a phone visit with her. A very kind lady. Elaine and Neil Pennock

Elaine Pennock - December 22, 2017 at 11:14 PM