



## Helyn L. Leathers

October 29, 1932 - December 3, 2021

Helyn L. Leathers, 89, of Kearney, formerly Amherst, died Friday, December 3, 2021 at CHI Health Good Samaritan in Kearney. Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Amherst Fire Department. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Helyn Lenore Leathers was born in Neligh, Nebraska to William J. and Elenor (Templin) Haynes. She attended school in Neligh, Hartington, Bassett, and Loup City where she graduated in 1950.

Helyn met John Leathers in Loup City and they later married in Kensington, KS on July 12, 1953. The family relocated several times in Nebraska and Colorado for John's job with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They settled in Amherst, NE in 1980.

She was a teacher's aide, librarian, and accounting clerk. Helyn worked in the UNK Finance office for 18 years before she retired in 1994.

Helyn enjoyed knitting and crocheting (especially baby blankets), watching sports, reading, and spoiling her grandchildren.

She is a past member of the First United Methodist Church and VFW Post #1347 of Grand Island, NE.

Survivors include son, Bill Leathers of Amherst; daughters, Coni Rinaker; Kathryn (Errol) Coslor; and Sandy (Mark) Palu all of Kearney; her grandchildren, Ryan (Chelsie) Palu; Erika (Brian) Smith; and Brad (Ashley) Palu all of Kearney; Brandon (Kristen) Coslor of Houston, TX; Courtney (Colin) Dale of Saint Louis, MO; and Kendra (Blaine) Hostert of Stuart, NE; and great-grandchildren, Hannah, Eleanor, Lylith, Kasen, Bryson, Olivia, Brooks, Raleigh, and Maeson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and brother.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helyn L. Leathers*

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