



Josephine 'Jo' A. Bissell

August 3, 1924 - August 22, 2019

Josephine 'Jo' A. Bissell, age 95, of Kearney, passed away Thursday, August 22, 2019 at Mother Hull Home. Services will be on Friday, August 30, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Pastor Melody Adams will officiate and burial will be at the Riverside Cemetery near Gibbon, NE. Visitation will be on Thursday, August 29, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney and also 1 hour prior to services on Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church or AseraCare Hospice. Online condolences may be submitted by visiting www.hlmkfuneral.com. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Jo was born on August 3, 1924 on a farm near Gibbon in rural Buffalo County, NE to George A. and Florence (Marshall) Bissell. She received her education in the rural schools of Buffalo County and later graduated from Kearney High School in 1941. She taught 3 years in rural Buffalo County Schools and then went to Mitchell, NE, Grand Island, NE and Kearney, NE. She also taught one summer at the A.O. Thomas School on the College Campus. Jo later attended Kearney State College where she earned a Bachelors of Science in Education Degree in 1955. She received the Educator of the Year award from the college in 1987. She taught for 44 years and 1 summer. Her hobbies included sewing, traveling, photography and China Painting. She was a member of First United

Methodist Church, Delta Kappa Gamma for over 50 years, Kearney Retired Teachers Association, Buffalo County Historical Society, Golden K Kiwanis, Kearney Platte Valley China Painters Club and First United Methodist Circle. After moving to Regency Apartments she was on the board and took pictures of activities and the new residents. These were put in their scrapbook.

Surviving relatives include her nieces and nephews, Vicki Bissell, Roger and Jackie Bissell, Eulah and Alex Gangwish and Dick Clark all of Kearney, Bill and Terri Clark of Elwood, NE, Don and Mary Clark of Thornton, CO, Evelyn and Steve Jones of Kansas City, MO and Bob and Diana Clark of Meansville, GA; great nieces and nephews, Marshall, Jason, Jeremiah, Benjamin, Eric, Corey, Tim, Christina, Angela, Jennifer, Becky, Denisa, Theresa, Rebecca, Dixie, Heather, Brian, Sam, Mary and Molly; other extended family and friends.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents; sister and brother in law, Wanola and Earl Clark; brother and sister in law, Robert and Idell Bissell; niece, Karen Clark

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Gibbon, NE 68840

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine 'Jo' A. Bissell*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Vicki Bissell lit a candle in memory of Josephine 'Jo' A. Bissell*



Vicki Bissell - August 28, 2019 at 09:43 PM



“ *I truly enjoyed getting to know "Jo". She always had a smile and warm greeting each morning as I passed her room. She will always be remembered and greatly missed. Sharon Schroeder, Mother Hull Home*

Sharon Schroeder - August 28, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ *Sharon Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Josephine 'Jo' A. Bissell*



Sharon Schroeder - August 28, 2019 at 01:10 PM

DP

“ I had Ms. Bissell as a teacher in elementary school many years ago at Northeast Elementary. I remember her for being a very kind and caring person. Definitely a person who left lasting impressions on many of her students over the years. May God comfort those left to cherish her.

Daren Pittman

Daren Pittman - August 27, 2019 at 09:51 PM

KH

I met Jo at the Regency where my mother resided for two years (~2010 - 2012). Mom is now at Tabitha in Lincoln and we had lost contact. As I was looking at an old Christmas card list, I decided to see where Jo might be living. Sincere sympathy to Jo's family.

In one of our conversations Jo showed me an old annual from the school in Mitchell, NE where she had been a teacher. My uncle, Allen High, was a superintendent there. We found my cousins in some of the pictures in that annual.

Jo was so kind & caring. She had quite an interesting life history. May Jo continue to live in the hearts of family & friends through cherished memories.

Kathy Holland, Lincoln (daughter of Jean High)

Kathy Holland - December 31, 2019 at 10:51 PM

JB

“ 12 files added to the album Memories Album



Jackie Bissell - August 24, 2019 at 12:21 PM

JB

“ *Jackie Bissell lit a candle in memory of Josephine 'Jo' A. Bissell*



Jackie Bissell - August 24, 2019 at 12:09 PM

BR

“ *Met Jo while working at Trails and Rails years ago. She was always smiling and sweet. She will be missed*

becky randall - August 23, 2019 at 05:16 PM