



Lois E. Thomas

March 30, 1928 - January 11, 2023

Lois E. Thomas, 94, of Kearney, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at Mother Hull Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. Pastor Dean Pofahl will officiate and burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to services at the funeral home. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Mother Hull Home Activity Fund (Kearney, NE), the Alzheimer's Association or the Miller Volunteer Fire Department. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride and Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of the arrangements.

Lois was born on March 30, 1928 to Archie and Minnie (Dodson) Eldridge in Denver, CO. They later moved to central Nebraska where Lois met her husband of 50 years, Gilbert Thomas.

Lois taught in a one room school house in Watertown, NE and later taught middle school in Sumner, NE. She loved to play cards with friends, have her hair and nails done by her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She lovingly called all the grandchildren "dolly" (even the boys). Lois and Gilbert made a great team working together to raise their two daughters, Deborah and RoJeanna and supporting them with 4H and all the other activities of their

youth. Once the girls were gone, Lois supported Gilbert while he farmed and she worked at Bowie Fertilizer, Inc. in Miller for many years. She was a proud member of the Miller United Methodist Church.

Lois was known as being kind to all and was always ready to host supper and make homemade ice cream in the summer. She and Gilbert loved to dance on Saturday nights, and loved to take the grandkids with them when they were visiting.

Surviving relatives include her daughters, Deborah Fagel (Ray Kolasa) of Williams Bay, WI and RoJeanna Thomas of Kearney. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Martha (Gary) Titiner of Aurora, IL, Michelle (Vito) Ciaramellano of Oakland, MI and Marcus (Courtney) Fagel of Briarcliff Manor, NY, step grandchildren, Rachel (James) Greve of Wisconsin Rapids, WI and Brian (Sarah) Kolasa of Chicago, IL; 7 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and other close friends and family.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert; her parents, Archie & Minnie Eldridge; her brother, Everett Eldridge; sister, Betty Lou Abels.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lois E. Thomas*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service*



Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - January 20, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Lois E. Thomas.*



January 18, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *Sending you my deepest condolences on the loss of Lois. She and Gilbert were friends with my folks, Bob and Colleen Cook. Lois was such a sweet lady and will be remembered fondly.*

Jodi Cook - January 16, 2023 at 03:59 PM

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“ *Debby & Jeannie, May our Lord comfort you during your time of loss and grief and may you carry the blessing of her loving memory with you.*

I fondly remember when we would all get together and Auntie Lois would cook her wonderful Sunday dinners for us north of Miller on the old farm stead. Karla & Curtis Sattler

Karla & Curtis Sattler - January 14, 2023 at 09:27 AM

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“ *My condolences to all of you. Lois was a very nice woman and she and Gilbert loved you all. May she rest in peace.*

Nancy Fagel Mynard

Nancy Fagel Mynard - January 13, 2023 at 05:14 PM

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“ *Debbie and Jeannie, so many memories of time spent with Aunt Lois. Deepest condolences. Peg and Greg McCollough*

Peg McCollough - January 13, 2023 at 02:18 PM