



Marcella G. Dunn

June 1, 1923 - February 20, 2011

Marcella G. Dunn, 87, of Kearney died Sunday, February 20, 2011 at her home in Kearney. Mass of Christian burial will be Friday, February 25, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. James Catholic Church in Kearney with Fr. Joe Hannappel officiating. Burial will be at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services and one hour prior to the service on Friday. A wake service will be Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the St. James Catholic Church. Memorials are suggested to Kearney Catholic High School Foundation or the St. James Catholic Church. A message of condolence, tribute or memory can be left at www.hlmkfuneral.com. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements. Marcella "Nicky" Dunn was born on June 1, 1923 near Pleasanton to Joseph and Rose (Kirschner) Nickman. She grew up on the family farm and graduated from Pleasanton High School in 1940. After high school she worked at Consumer Public Power in Kearney. She loved to dance and it was at a dance at the Kearney Armory where Nicky met a dashing Airman, the love of her life, Robert J. Dunn Jr. Despite originally agreeing that Nicky should not be a war bride, Marcella married Robert J. Dunn Jr. on April 15, 1944 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Though originally a small town girl, Marcella traveled the globe for the next 16 plus years following Robert's Air Force career. In 1960, Robert retired as a Lt. Col. and the family settled in Kearney, to be closer to family. A devoted mother, as the children

grew up and eventually left home, Marcella began working at Gregersons Jewelry store, a career that would span over two decades. Always loving, gentle, and giving, Marcella spent the last 50 years volunteering her time at Red Cross blood drives, MONA art museum, and St. James Catholic Church. She was a member of the St. James Catholic Church, St. James Altar Society, Officers Wives Association, and the Red Cross. She was an avid bridge player and Husker Football fan and was also involved as a parent volunteer at her children's elementary and high schools. Marcella has always been proud of the accomplishments of her children, their spouses, her six grandchildren, and one great grandson. Nicky's treasures were her family and their unwavering love for her. Surviving Relatives: Husband: Robert J. Dunn Jr. of Kearney, NE Son Gregory and wife Susan Dunn of Sioux Falls, SD Daughters: Roberta Slaughter of Kearney, NE Anne Schmit of North Platte, NE Lisa and Dave Stewart of Kansas City, MO Grandchildren Michael Dunn of Seattle, WA Christopher Dunn of Seattle, WA Alison and husband Ryan Beieler of Seattle, WA Daniel and wife Renae Slaughter of Dallas, TX Bradley Slaughter of Lincoln, NE Timaree Schmit of Philadelphia, PA Great Grandson Matthew Beieler of Seattle, WA Sister In Law LaVaghn Nickman of Kearney, NE Marcella was preceded in death by her parents, 1 brother Cecil Nickman, 2 sisters Pauline Riessland and Elizabeth Plante, and son in law Mark Slaughter.

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