



## Mildred A. Macdonald

March 5, 1921 - May 7, 2017

Mildred "Millie" A. Macdonald, 96, of Omaha, Formerly of Kearney died Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Parsons House Assisted Living Center in Omaha, NE. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, May 12, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney, NE. Father Joe Hannappel will celebrate and burial will follow at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. followed by a Christian Wake Service at 6:00 p.m. all at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Mosaic Bethphage Village in Axtell. Visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements. Millie was born on March 5, 1921 in Kearney, NE to Alford C. and Mary R. (Moran) Lantz. She attended school in Kearney and graduated in 1939 from Kearney High School. After high school she earned a bachelors of arts from Eastman School of Music, a masters of music from Chicago Musical College and later a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Colorado in Boulder. Millie married Donald Macdonald in 1948 in Kearney. She taught Music at Kearney State Teachers College until her retirement in 1987. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Surviving relatives include her Daughter, Catherine Gruppo of Omaha, NE; Son, Mark Macdonald and his wife Brenda of Phoenix, AZ; Grandchildren, Jennifer Mather and her husband, Derrik of Omaha, NE, Daniel Gruppo of Omaha, NE, Kamala Millsbaugh of Phoenix, AZ, Scott Macdonald of Las Vegas, NV and Lorelee Macdonald of Phoenix, AZ; Great

Grandchildren, Joseph Mather, John Mather, Maranda Millspaugh, Brandon Millspaugh, Matthew Millspaugh and Chloe Macdonald; Several nieces, nephews and other extended family members. Mildred was preceded in death by her Parents; Husband, Donald; Daughter, Mary Rose Macdonald; Son, Lantz Macdonald; 2 Brothers and 4 Sisters

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred A. Macdonald*

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January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *I don't know if this will reach anyone now, but Millie was my piano instructor at KSC. She was so patient with me, through tears and all. And she finally got me squared away to give a Senior Recital. I loved going to my lessons and I loved playing the piano. I live in Papillion and oh how I wished that I would have been able to go visit her and tell her personally how much she meant to me. Rajaena Appleby*

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**Rajaena Appleby** - March 25, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ *I had known Millie for years as a fellow instructor at UNK as well as through Genealogy, and the church. We will miss her greatly.*

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**Elaine Batenhorst** - May 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have so many great memories of stopping by Millie's house for a visit while growing up in the neighborhood. She was always welcoming and kind. Prayers to her family.*

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**Lori (Beck) Fallesen** - May 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ This message is to express my sincere condolence to the loved ones of Dr. Mildred McDonald. I had the good fortune to know Dr. McDonald during my collage days from 1961-65. As a music major, Dr. McDonald was a Godsend to me. My piano skills were, to say the least, not very good. Definitely not proficient. It was through the patience and good graces of Dr. McDonald that I was able to meet the piano requirement necessary to receive a music degree. And for that, I am truly grateful. A few years ago when Dr. McDonald was residing at a retirement community in Kearney, my wife and I had the good fortune to have her come to our house for dinner one evening. It was definitely a treat to reconnect with Dr. McDonald after 40 plus years and it created a memory we will cherish forever. Heaven is a better place today for Dr. McDonald has entered into eternal life in the same way she lived here on earth, with dignity and class. Sincerely, R. L. (Bob) Ripp, Ed.D. JOHN 14

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**R.L. (Bob) Ripp** - May 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I never got to know Millie until we shared time at Northridge. She was a wonderful woman and I loved visiting with her.

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**John H Bancroft** - May 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Millie was such a joy to be around. She was sweet and kind and always a lady.

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**Mary Jo Jarecke** - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Mark & Katie, Sorry for the loss of Aunt Millie. Have lots of fond memories of her and you guys. Sorry we can't make it to the services but know that you are in our thoughts and prayers? Alan & Cindy Lantz

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**Alan Lantz** - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Katie, I am so very sorry to hear about your Mother's passing. Thinking of you. I think I had your Mom in college in ele.ed music. Love and prayers to you.

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**Anne** - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM