



## Marian Paasch

January 4, 1931 - September 27, 2019

Marian Klabunde Thompson Paasch was born on January 4, 1931, in the hospital elevator in Omaha, NE to August and Lena Klabunde. She was baptized in 1931 at Benson Immanuel Church and confirmed in 1945 at St. Paul's Church in Millard. She attended schools in Valley, Irvington, Elkhorn, and Millard, before graduating from Valley high school in 1947.

At age 16, Marian attended Midland College for one summer. She taught at a Gretna country school that fall. After another summer of college, she started teaching at District 41 School, taught there for four years, and substitute taught occasionally. A cute boy named Roy lived next to the school and would come to see her after school. They loved dancing at Millrose Ballroom.

Marian and Roy were married on August 18, 1951, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn. They lived with Roy's mother Anna and his sister Ella during their first year of marriage. Their marriage was blessed with five children: David, Daniel, Frank, Teresa, and Calvin. Roy and Marian were married 60 years.

When Marian was 9 years of age, she got a milk stool and bucket and learned to milk cows. This prepared her to become a farm wife, where she milked cows with Roy. They worked together as partners on the farm. She also drove a tractor for baling, raking, and discing. Marian was the farm's bookkeeper, gardener, cook, and mother.

Marian was a 4-H leader for 25 years, encouraging local kids to participate in judging, demonstrating, and exhibiting at the fair. She held all leadership positions and was a 60-year member of the Extension Club. League bowling and pinochle with lifelong friends provided entertainment and fellowship. In 1988, she volunteered with the Literacy Council teaching adults to read. She loved playing cards and taught her grandkids to play Kings in the Corners. Rummikub afternoons with the ladies were treasured.

Bethany Lutheran Church was a significant part of Marian's whole life. The Wednesday Bible Study group she led was like family, supporting each other through life's

experiences. She taught Sunday School and Bible School every year while her kids were growing up. She actively participated in Circle, Metro East, Women of the Church, and Quilting. Marian sewed hundreds of quilts with the church mission, numerous wall hangings, and special "big bed" quilts for her eight grandchildren.

Left to cherish Marian's memory are her children, Frank Paasch (Denise) of Omaha, NE; Teresa De Graaf (George) of Waukee, IA and their children Daniel, Melissa (Benjamin), Stephanie, and Nathan; and Calvin Paasch (Ann) of Valley, NE and their children Ellen (Mitch), Ethan, Lauren, and Logan, and great-grandson James, and siblings Erwin (Elaine) Klabunde and Donald (Delores) Thompson.

Marian died peacefully at her home in Elkhorn on September 27, 2019. In death Marian rejoins her husband Roy, their two sons David and Daniel, her sister Mabel, and her parents August and Lena.

Memorials can be made to Bethany Lutheran Church or the Bess Johnson Library.

# Cemetery

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## Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road  
Omaha, NE, 68022

# Events

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**OCT** **Public Viewing** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd. P.O. Box 711, Elkhorn, NE,  
US, 68022

**OCT** **Family will receive friends** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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US, 68022

**OCT** **Funeral Service** 10:30AM

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Bethany Lutheran Church  
4200 N 204th St, Elkhorn, NE, US, 68022

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Reichmuth Funeral Home** - October 01, 2019 at 03:33 PM

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“ Marian was such a wonderful lady, she was also one of my 4-H leaders, she was so special....also growing up with so much of the family our rural life was the best. May God Bless all of you and I know she is a beautiful angel. Prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Susan Clover Christopher

**Susan Christopher** - October 07, 2019 at 11:16 AM

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“ So sorry to here about your mother.  
Norma Vasek

**Norma Vasek** - October 01, 2019 at 12:55 PM

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“ Dear Teresa and family,  
Thinking of you today as you gather and honor your mother's love and life shared-  
May the people who come and memories they share be part of God's tender comfort  
to you, George and family- in sympathy and faiths comfort, hope  
Jane Brown

**jane brown** - October 01, 2019 at 10:27 AM

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“ Just heard about your mother passing Calvin. So sorry to hear this news. Our hearts  
go out to you and your family at this time, Lots of memories will help get you through  
these hard times. Dale and Sue Malchow

**sue malchow** - October 01, 2019 at 07:08 AM



“ So sorry for your family loss. Only meet her at your wedding but I know she was a wonderful person. Keeping your family in my prayers. Love Aunt Mary

**Mary DeGraaf Carnduff** - September 30, 2019 at 11:09 AM

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“ I'll miss you Aunt Marian, but I know you are happy in your Heavenly Home!

What a glorious Reunion you are having with Uncle Roy, your sons David and Daniel, your parents, sister Mabel, the rest of your Family and your many Friends who were there to welcome you Home last Friday!

Thank you for your support and words of encouragement through the years. That meant a lot to me!

Love,  
Mary

**Mary Vankat** - September 30, 2019 at 07:47 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marian Paasch.



September 29, 2019 at 06:47 PM

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“ To my Godmother! Time and years have passed but you were always in my heart. You helped when times were tough with my mother. I will never forget that. Also time we were on the farm celebrating birthday, anniversary, 4th of July's, helping milk the cows. Many memories with the Klabunde/Paasch family. God's blessings to all!

**Karen Melstad** - September 29, 2019 at 03:02 PM

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“ So sorry to hear this. My prayers are with the family.

**Karen Brunner** - September 29, 2019 at 03:01 PM

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“ I always loved visiting with Marian, she was one of the nicest and kindest women I have known in my life. I gave her a hug every time I would get to be with her at the Forever Young group at church. Best cook ever and loved all that she would bring to share. I will miss her a lot but she left me with wonderful memories. God Bless you all.

**Marie Witt** - September 29, 2019 at 09:19 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Marian's passing. I will never forget that as our 4H leader, she taught us how to break eggs only using one hand and how to make cake! She was one of the nicest ladies that I have ever known. My condolences to the entire Paasch family.

**Robin Andersen Lindley** - September 28, 2019 at 08:52 AM