



Bernadine Claire (Bonacci) Zielinski

October 22, 1936 - November 22, 2025

Bernadine was born in Omaha, NE, to August and Frances (Smisek) Bonacci. She attended St. Bridget grade school and graduated from St. John High School in 1954. On September 15, 1956, she married James Zielinski at St. Joseph Church. They made their home in Omaha, and Bernadine worked as a secretary.

In her free time, Bernadine enjoyed belly dancing, gambling, camping, and trips to Europe. She belonged to the Red Hat Society and the German American and Czech Societies. Her favorite restaurant was Farmer Browns, and she loved Czech food. Bernadine also liked to watch Husker football games. She was very outgoing and loved to laugh. She loved her family and her bird, Willie.

Bernadine is survived by husband, James Zielinski; brother, Gary F. (Sandra) Bonacci; niece, Antoinette Bonacci-Miller and family; nephew, Scott Bonacci and family; niece, Lynn Bonacci-Morgan and family; and close friends, Patti Heidlage and family and Bryan Thompson and family.

VISITATION: Friday, November 28, 2025, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with Rosary to follow at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn. FUNERAL MASS: 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at St. Patrick's Church, 18602 W Maple Rd. Elkhorn, NE. Interment at Calvary Cemetery. Lunch to follow at American

Legion Millard Post 374, 13913 S St., Omaha, NE 68137.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

7700 W. Center Rd.
Omaha, NE 68144

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
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Rosary

NOV 28. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of the Christian Burial

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Elkhorn
18602 W. Maple Street
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Bernie was such a loving and kind lady and will be missed by me and my family. My belly dancing buddy and second mom to my son Bryan. We love you Bernie. She told me at her funeral she wanted everyone to drink wine and dance. Just remember all the wonderful times we all had together. Rest in peace my beautiful friend. From
Thelma Len Thompson Magwire.*

Thelma Len Magwire - November 28, 2025 at 03:49 PM

VS

We have been missing Bernie and Jim from our meetings and events at the Omaha Czech/Slovak Cultural Club. They were both very active. I know it been difficult the past few years but thank you Jim, for taking care of Bernie. I didn't know she was a belly dancer. What a fun person. I'm so sorry to have missed the memorial services and on behalf of the OCSCC, we send our love and condolences. Victory Sedlacek

Victory A Sedlacek - November 29, 2025 at 05:37 PM

TT

“ *Todd & Lisa Mahin, Tallen & Trace purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bernadine Claire (Bonacci) Zielinski.*



Todd & Lisa Mahin, Tallen & Trace - November 26, 2025 at 01:09 PM

TF

“ *The James Thompson Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bernadine Claire (Bonacci) Zielinski.*



The James Thompson Family - November 25, 2025 at 09:09 PM

DL

“ *Diane L. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Bernadine Claire (Bonacci) Zielinski.*



Diane L. - November 24, 2025 at 06:48 PM

JH

“ *Joel, Patty, Nickalaus & Jenny Heidlage purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Bernadine Claire (Bonacci) Zielinski.*



Joel, Patty, Nickalaus & Jenny Heidlage - November 24, 2025 at 06:47 PM

EM

“ *Ellen Morgan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bernadine Claire (Bonacci) Zielinski.*



Ellen Morgan - November 24, 2025 at 05:05 PM