



## Beverly Jane Osborn

June 11, 1932 - May 6, 2023

Forever in our hearts, Beverly J. (Grazier) Osborn, whose most treasured titles were “Mom” and “Grandma Bev”, departed from her loving family on May 6, 2023.

Beverly was born in Council Bluffs, IA on June 11, 1932 to Joe E. and Opal M. (Allen) Grazier. As a toddler, her family moved to Brown County, NE to begin farming land north of Johnstown. Her rural roots took firm hold, growing up on the farm with her parents and two brothers Bill and Charles. Throughout her life, she and her family would continue to visit the land where she grew up, driving through the countryside reminiscing about riding her horse “Tony” to the rural grade school (Dist. 84N), visiting neighboring families, gathering eggs, feeding the pigs and milking their cows. Although rural life was hard work, she had fond memories of her childhood and was always grateful to have been raised ‘a farm girl’.

Bev attended Ainsworth High School, graduating with the class of 1950. Still living on the farm, she often stayed with relatives and friends during the school week and returned to the farm on the week-end. One forever memory for her was when she and her mother tried to make the trip home to their farm from town when the car became stuck in a drift during the historical Blizzard of '49. They were rescued by a neighbor who housed them for several days until they were able to dig out and travel the rest of the way home. Enjoying AHS,

Bev was a cheerleader, played the clarinet in band, participated in school plays, and other school activities.

Bev and her best friend Betty Brede attended a teen dance at the Brown County Fairgrounds in Johnstown when she 'caught the eye' of Gerald W. (Gerry) Osborn, an upperclassman at AHS. Gerry asked Bev to dance and they began dating. On October 8, 1950, they were married at the Methodist Church in Johnstown, NE and established their first home at Skinner's Motor Court in Ainsworth, NE. After moving into a house at 255 N. Oak Street, three children were born to this union, Craig Gerald, Kathleen Anne, and Kent Alan. A stay-at-home Mom during most of her children's younger years, she and Gerry raised their children with love and devotion. Often you would find Bev helping with the kid's activities as Sunday School teacher, trip sponsor, class helper, Cub Scout/ Brownie Scout leader and their biggest supporter. Neighborhood kids found the Osborn home to be a welcoming and warm place to hang-out, often playing a pick-up game of some kind until all were called home for supper. In 1966, the family moved to a new home at 722 N. Ash Street.

As her children grew, Beverly performed clerical work for the Congregational Church in Ainsworth, then transitioned to serve as Manager of the Ainsworth Park Homes. Often you would find her mowing the lawn or helping with maintenance of the apartments in addition to her administrative duties. She had a knack for fixing things (our in-house 'handyman') and enjoyed nurturing her flowers, growing tomatoes, mowing the lawn and being in the out of doors. Bev's compassionate spirit was evident as she lovingly provided elder care for her in-laws and parents for many years. She was incredibly selfless, always putting others before herself, especially when it came to family.

Gatherings were frequent for Bev and her family as Ainsworth was the 'hub' for her extended family who would often come to visit. Of course, this always

would include a good meal together. Mom's fried chicken or chicken and home-made noodles along with cherry pie for dessert was a favorite. Often her family photo album collection was enjoyed during this time together and many memories and stories renewed while looking through the pictures. A jigsaw or crossword puzzle was generally on the extra table for all to help with during their visit as well and Bev always shed a tear or two when it came time for her loved ones to leave.

Bev's immediate surviving family includes her husband, Gerry; children: Craig (Rita) Osborn, Kathy (Dana) English and Kent Osborn. Grandchildren: Nathan (Cindy) Osborn, Shannon (Jon) Barr, Steven (Dana) Osborn, and Ashley (Stephen) Bennett; Lindsay (Preston) Meier, Lance (Brielle) English; Ryan Osborn, Marcus Osborn. Step-Granddaughters: Georgia Eatherton and Ashley Blausey. And 16 Great-Grandchildren with another joining the family in July.

A Memorial Service will be held on May 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn, NE with final burial at the Ainsworth NE Cemetery at a later date.

"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

—Proverbs 31:31

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 14. 1:30 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Beverly Jane Osborn.* ”



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May 12, 2023 at 11:11 PM



“ *Bill Turner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Beverly Jane Osborn.* ”



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**Bill Turner** - May 12, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Mrs. Fields With Sympathy Combo Tin was purchased for the family of Beverly Jane Osborn.* ”



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May 10, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Beverly Jane Osborn.* ”

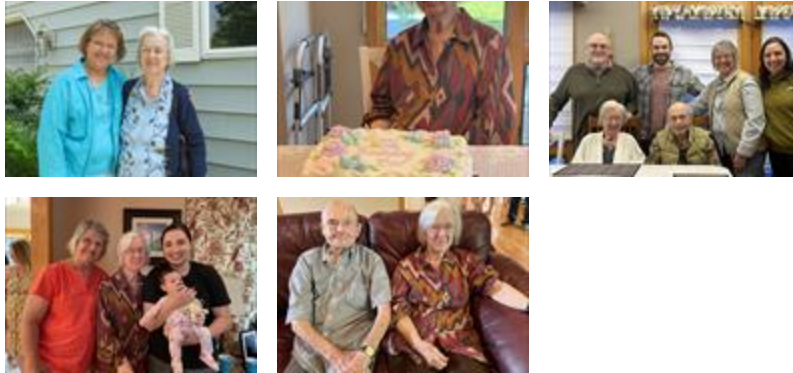


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May 09, 2023 at 11:36 PM

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**Kathy A English** - May 09, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Beverly Jane Osborn.



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