



## Claudia Lou Nitzel

October 5, 1931 - March 22, 2019

Private Services will be held at a later date.

Claudia Lou Nitzel was born on October 5, 1931 in Homer, Nebraska to Ralph and Frances (Sharp) Bergeon. She grew up in Homer where she graduated from Homer High School. Claudia received her two year teaching credential from Nebraska State Teacher's College in Wayne, Nebraska and later received her Bachelor of Education degree from Fresno State College in Fresno, California.

Claudia married Ken Nitzel on August 10, 1952 at First Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, Nebraska.

Claudia taught in Nebraska for four years before moving to California where she taught for 31 years, the last 20 years at Thomas Elementary in Fresno, California. She retired in 1987.

Claudia passed away on Friday, March 22, 2019 at Brookestone Meadows in Elkhorn, Nebraska at the age of 87 years, 5 months and 17 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Ralph and Frances and her husband Ken. Claudia is survived by her brother John (Peggy) Eriksen of Blair, Nebraska; step-sister Delores Heck of Rapid City, South Dakota; Nieces and nephews, Vicki (Doug) Hohenstein, John (LizAnne) Stene, Jennifer Eriksen, Jessica

(Casey) Ackermann, Alexandria (Mike) Fitzke and Nick Eriksen.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Claudia Nitzel (Mrs. Nitzel) was my 5th grade teacher. She was an inspirational leader I looked up to in my troubled childhood. I would come back to her classroom for many years to come by to just say hi. Mrs Nitzel will always be one my favorite special teachers in my Lifetime. She really made me a better person in life.

Bill Freedman - March 27 at 12:52 PM

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“ Mrs. Nitzel you were my favorite teacher and I made sure to come back to visit you every year because you were that important to me. You were not an easy teacher, but you were kind, compassionate, and caring. I was blessed to be one of your students.

Brad Burchnell - October 04, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ Claudia Lou Nitzel

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ Mrs. Nitzel you were the teacher that had the biggest impact on my life at age eleven. I had many issues in life and I earned many demerits in your class. You made a better person and you were significant in the man I became. This was 50 years ago and I have never forgot you. RIP my teacher and light. Bill Freedman



Bill Freedman - November 09, 2021 at 11:31 AM

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*God Bless You, Mrs Nitzel - SSGT. Andrew Mark Heredia Fresno,  
California Frank W. Thomas Elementary School 🙏🇺🇸*

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**Andrew Heredia** - December 13, 2023 at 05:21 AM