



Dorothy Jean Elias

July 15, 1930 - February 16, 2026

Dorothy was born and raised in Valley, Nebraska. She graduated from Valley High School (1947), was a state Grand Worthy Advisor for the Rainbow Girls, and the first secretary at Valmont. Dorothy married Gordon Elias and together had Michael and Kathleen. One of her biggest joys was being a grandma to Andrew, her only grandson.

Dorothy worked over 30 years at academic institutions including Augustana College (Sioux Falls), Midlands College (Fremont) and Metro Community college (Fort Campus). She was very pleased that both Mike and Kathy graduated from Augustana, and both pursued graduate studies.

Dorothy loved music and plays. She enjoyed writing plays for community events including the 1947 Class of Valley High School reunion, the Lorenz Family reunion and working with the Valley Community Theatre.

Dorothy passed away on Monday, February 16, 2026, at The Willows in Gretna at the age of 95. She is survived by her children, Michael (Judy) Elias and Kathy (Denise) Elias; grandson, Andrew (Ali) Elias; nephews, Scott (Cynthia) Nielsen and John (Jackie) Sullivan; niece, Nancy (Mark) Hardy; and extended family and friends. Dorothy was preceded in death by parents Carl and Erna Sullivan, sister Marianne (Wayne) Nielsen and brother John L. (JoAnn) Sullivan.

In honor of Dorothy, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

A graveside memorial service will be held Thursday, April 9th, 2026, at 11:00 am at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn, NE.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery

21907 West Maple Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Jean Elias.

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“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Elias.



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“ I have such good memories of Dorothy Jean as a child and remember her kindness and generosity.
Rainer Lorenz
Note: I am making a contribution in memorium to the Alzheimers Association.

Rainer Lorenz - April 07 at 12:27 PM

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“ Your mother was a delightful woman who I think of every Christmas when I put out a Dickens house she had the Grande Olde Players cast give my husband Mark back in the 1980s. She was stage manager for the production of Pickwick's Holiday and may have worked on a few other shows as well. I always appreciated her professionalism and warm personality. While we had not been in touch for years, I was glad to catch her notice in the paper and remember her fondly. You were blessed to have her for so long....a truly remarkable woman. Bonnie Gill-Manhart

Bonnie Gill-Manhart - March 01 at 11:50 PM

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“ Dorothy was a force of nature. --Always thinking, creating, planning, and doing good. She was kind and loving toward me every time we met, and I so enjoyed talking with her. I am grateful she is released to Heaven, and so sorry for her children and extended family for their loss.

Kathleen McArdle Knudsen - February 22 at 05:43 PM