



## Ellen Rose Grimm

June 3, 1939 - July 16, 2023

Ellen Rose Grimm was born June 3rd, 1939 in Waterloo Nebraska to Catherine and Louis Villwok.

Ellen grew up in Waterloo, attending Waterloo Public Schools and graduating in 1957. Ellen was the

youngest of 9 children. 4 older siblings were of the Foley family, while her immediate family consisted of

5 Villwok's. Ellen had 3 sisters and one brother in the Villwok family. Ellen was a very studious student

during her years at Waterloo. She participated in several extra- curricular activities such as Volleyball

and Cheerleading. She was popular in school but also very connected to her siblings. Ellen grew up with

a strong Catholic faith. During her later high school years, she met a man that really took her heart, and

that was Adolph Grimm (our father). They dated for several years after her high school graduation and

were married on April 18th, 1959 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn. They then lived south of

Waterloo on a farm just next to the original Grimm Farm (now Riverside Lakes). Their family began there

with the oldest of Tom being born in 1960. They moved to the town of Valley for a short while, while

they looked to find a farm to own. In 1962 they found and purchased that farm (the farm she lived on for the next 61 years). Shortly after moving, son #2 was born, Ken. In 1967 a girl was born, Connie which now completed the family. Ellen did work outside the home for a short time at Western Electric as a type setter. Once the farm became active with sheep and crops she quit her job and became a full time Mom and Farm Wife. Ellen loved the outdoors and gardening. She gardened every year, until this year. She loved her tomatoes and always had at them in the garden. She also loved planting flowers and having a very colorful array of them around the house and anywhere along buildings, or areas that they would not be run over. She especially loved roses and had an array of them along the driveway. During their time living in the area they became members of St. John's parish in 1961 and continued with the parish until her death. During her years on the farm, and most notably once the kids left, she became Dad's right hand man, learning to drive tractors, haul corn, and help Adolph with the farming. But she always made sure she had supper ready and on the table for Adolph at 5 pm. She was a very dedicated farm wife and loving mother. One of the most notable family memories is having Christmas eve at her house as the family grew. It became a tradition starting in 1979 and continued for 39 years. Christmas was a special time of year she absolutely loved. She always decorated for the Christmas Holiday. She loved all her children and as grandchildren and great grandchildren came

along, she embraced all of them.

She has 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Ellen will be remembered as a caring and kind person to the entire family as it grew through the years.

She loved when the grandkids stopped by to show her their newest addition to the family.

Sadly, Ellen passed away on July 16th, 2023 at the age of 84. She is survived by her children Tom &

Elizabeth Grimm of Valley, Ken & Paula Grimm of Waterloo and Connie & Pat Wilhelm of Elkhorn and

many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30am Thursday at St. John's Catholic Church in Valley. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Elkhorn, NE. Visitation with Family will be from 5:00-7:00pm Wednesday with a Vigil service at 7:00pm at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Waterloo Volunteer Fire Department or to St. John's Catholic Church.

# Previous Events

## Vigil service

JUL **19.** 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church  
307 East Meigs Street  
Valley, NE 68064

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL **20.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church  
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Valley, NE 68064

# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen Rose Grimm.



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July 19, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Rose Grimm.



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July 19, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ellen Rose Grimm.

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July 18, 2023 at 08:11 PM



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July 18, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ellen Rose Grimm.

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Rose Grimm.



July 18, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Ellen Rose Grimm.



July 18, 2023 at 08:51 AM



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“ *Mrs. Grimm was like a second mother to me as a child. She was a prime example of how to be a good wife, mother and lovely, lovely lady. I never heard a harsh word come out of her mouth. Her love of her family was so evident in all the things she did for them- from gardening, cooking, keeping her home pristine and the overall support she gave them all. What a wonderful lady and God has certainly retrieved an earthly angel and heaven is better for it. She is probably already cleaning and organizing heaven for Him! She will be missed and thought of fondly! Much love, Lisa*

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**Lisa Epperson** - July 18, 2023 at 06:37 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen Rose Grimm.*



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July 17, 2023 at 06:22 PM