



Emily Doris Laaker

December 18, 1942 - July 23, 2025

Emily Doris Laaker (Kraemer), 82, of Bennington, passed away on 7/23/25. She was preceded in death by her parents “Emil” William Henry and Olga Hermina (Hilbers) Kraemer; beloved husband Clarence “Clancy” Laaker; sisters Mary and Alice; and brother Henry. She was survived by sons and daughters-in-law Bert & Andrea of Newnan, GA and David & Cheryl of Overland Park, KS, daughter Amy Laaker of Bennington, NE; grandchildren: Stephanie, William (Natalie), Olivia (Brian), and Anabeth; great granddaughter Daphne; brother-in-law Myron Wahle; and nieces and nephews.

Emily was born on 12/18/42 and was raised in Hooper. She enjoyed her life in Nebraska. While attending Midland Lutheran College, she met the love of her life, Clancy. They married in July of 1962 and became house parents to 13 boys at Masonic Home in Fremont. After having their son, Bert, in 1965 they moved to North Bend, where they had their son, David, in 1966. They moved to Clancy’s hometown of Bennington in 1971, shortly after having Amy. Emily enjoyed her time spent raising the kids including baking, as Cub & Girl Scout leader, needlepoint, sewing, family vacations, motorcycle trips, theater, and being a very active member of St. John’s Lutheran Church (Choir, Circle, CFC, and various committees). In 1984, after her sons were off to college, she took a class at Metro Tech Community College. She ended up graduating with honors with an associate’s degree in computer programming. She was hired at First Data and worked there until she retired.

Funeral service 11 AM Monday at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Bennington.

Interment at the Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, NE. Visitation Sunday from 5-7 PM at St. John's Lutheran, Bennington. Memorials to the church.

Cemetery Details

Hooper Cemetery

Hooper, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church
322 N. Molley St.
Bennington, NE 68007

Funeral Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Emily Doris Laaker.*



July 26, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Emily Doris Laaker.

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“ *Rock and Mimi purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Emily Doris Laaker.*



Rock and Mimi - July 26, 2025 at 07:29 AM



“ *Families of Rose and Carolyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Doris Laaker.*

Families of Rose and Carolyn - July 25, 2025 at 09:56 PM

FC

“ Families of Rose and Carolyn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Emily Doris Laaker.



Families of Rose and Carolyn - July 25, 2025 at 09:56 PM

MP

“ Myron, Jo, George, Patricia purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Emily Doris Laaker.



Myron, Jo, George, Patricia - July 25, 2025 at 07:33 PM