



Garnet Ann Gardner

June 20, 1931 - June 12, 2025

Garnet Ann Wannow was born June 20, 1931, in Omaha, Nebraska to Carl and Lorene (Page) Wannow. At the age of 7, Garnet's family moved to Wichita, Kansas, where she graduated from Wichita North High School in 1949. At her church in Wichita, she had met a young man named Paul Gardner.

On October 28, 1949, Garnet married Paul Gardner in Wichita, and they raised four sons together. Garnet and her family resided in Wichita until 1956, when Paul began his career as a professor and department head in Vincennes, IN. In 1960, they moved to Omaha, Nebraska when Paul accepted a position at UNO.

Garnet worked as a secretary for a Doctor in Wichita until their first son was born. She then cherished her role as a stay-at-home mom. Once the grandkids and great grandkids came into the family, she was completely devoted to them all!

Garnet volunteered for many years at both University and Methodist Hospitals in Omaha. She and Paul also spent numerous hours tending to their garden. Later in life, Garnet liked to play computer games and email friends. Garnet was an enthusiastic Nebraska football fan, and they attended every home game from 1962 until 1996. She had a talent for oil painting and had a deep

love for babies; she was forever a nurturer. Garnet and Paul traveled extensively, and especially enjoyed time spent fishing in Minnesota.

Garnet passed away on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at The Lighthouse in Omaha, Nebraska just one week and one day before her 94th birthday. Garnet was preceded in death by her parents Carl & Lorene Wannow, husband Dr. Paul J. Gardner, and sisters: Wanda Lea (Delbert) Jackson, Joyce (Wayne) Sidebottom, and Jean (Bud) Athey, and her infant twin sons. She is survived by her sons: Walter (Susan) of Tucson, AZ, Paul Jr. (Mary Novak) of Omaha, Michael (Sandy) of Sun Lakes, AZ, and Rick (Jeanette) of Omaha, 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral service 10 AM Wednesday, June 18 at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment Hollst Lawn Cemetery, Yutan. Memorials to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Tara L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Garnet Ann Gardner.

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