



## Kathleen Alessandro

August 11, 1928 - September 5, 2019

Kathleen Alessandro, age 92 of Omaha, died on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at Immanuel Fontenelle in Omaha. She was born the daughter of Herman Wissenburg, a pharmacist and Mary E. (Bovey) Wissenburg a Nurse in August of 1927 in Wilber, NE.

Her mother became ill with tuberculosis and passed away when Kathleen was only 3 years old in 1930. Kathleen and her father, moved in with his mother, who then cared for Kathleen until she graduated from High School. Herman married Alice Boekel and later had Anne, Kathleen's sister.

Following graduation, she attended Doane College in Crete, NE and graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She moved to Omaha and became employed by Guarantee Mutual Life Insurance Company where she continued to work for over 45 years until her retirement.

Kathleen was united in marriage to Sam Alessandro in 1952 at St. Wenceslaus Church in Wilber, NE. They lived with Sam's mother for a number of years running their Italian Grocery Store. Although they did not have any biological children, they helped raise their nephew, Howard Proplesch, who was more like a son than a nephew. Sam and Kathleen built a home in Riverside Lakes in the early 70's. After Sam's death in 1992, Kathleen continued to live in their home until 2006, and at that time, she moved into Maple Village in west Omaha, which was an independent living retirement

community. In November of 2012, Kathleen needed hospitalization and rehabilitation, so it was necessary for her to move to Elkridge Village in Elkhorn for a time. Later she would move to Immanuel Fontenelle where she enjoyed the remainder of her years.

She was preceded in death by: her parents and husband, Sam Alessandro. Kathleen is survived by: her sister, Anne Kilbourn of Colorado; her nieces and nephews, Howard Proplesch, A.D. Hooser, Jr.(Brenda), Michael Crnkovich(Valinda), Mary Cihacek(Dennis), Carmen Smith(Wayne), Kathleen Heise and Sarah Kilbourn; along with many Great Nephews, Nieces and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 11 am. Visitation will take place at the church on Wednesday before the Mass. Burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Omaha on Leavenworth. Memorials can be made in her name to St. Patrick's Scholarship Fund and left or mailed to the funeral home. The Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn is caring for Kathleen and her family.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

4912 Leavenworth  
Omaha, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
20400 W. Maple Rd.  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

## Mass of the Christian Burial

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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20400 W. Maple Rd.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen Alessandro*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Dear Howard, Carmen and Mike and families, I'm very sad and sorry for your loss of your Dear Aunt Kathleen. She always made me feel like part of the family. Prayers for you during this sad time.*  
*Kathy Godfroy*

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