



## Marianne Nielsen

August 16, 1928 - May 14, 2022

Marianne Nielsen (Sullivan) was born August 16, 1928 in Valley, Nebraska to Carl and Erna (Lorenz) Sullivan. Marianne loved the outdoors and enjoyed growing up on the farm outside of town. She helped raise chickens and dairy cows and showed cattle at 4-H.

She graduated from Valley High School in 1946. She went on to attend Midland College, taking night and summer courses until she finished her degree. She taught at various country schools surrounding the Valley community, before settling at Valley Elementary, where she primarily taught kindergarten. Marianne retired in the Spring of 1986.

Marianne married Wayne Nielsen in June of 1948, and they were blessed with one son, Scott. Marianne and Wayne made their home in Valley.

Marianne was very active in her community and her church. She was a member of the United Faith Community Church (formerly Baptist-Presbyterian), where she led Bible study and taught Sunday School for several decades, she also led Bible study at the local nursing home. She was instrumental in the founding of the Valley Historical Society, and active board member up until the last year. She was also a member in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary for 70 years.

Marianne's family remembers her as a strong, independent woman with a kind heart. Marianne was blessed to have her son, daughter-in-law Cindy, and her grandchildren Heidi, Holly, and Ryan live only a few blocks away. She was able to share with them all of life's simple pleasures – birthdays, holidays,

sporting events and school activities. Marianne also enjoyed watching her eleven great-grandchildren grow up.

Marianne loved spending time at her cabin in Central City, Colorado. Even after Wayne passed away, she would spend her summers there in the mountains where she enjoyed the relaxing pace and peacefulness of the outdoors.

Marianne passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2022, in the comfort of her own home at the age of 93 years, 8 months, and 28 days. She was preceded in death by her husband Wayne and her parents Carl and Erna Sullivan.

Marianne is survived by her son Scott and daughter-in-law Cindy of Valley, grandchildren Heidi (Michael) Hudson of Madisonville, Louisiana, Holly (Kyle) Styskal of Omaha, Nebraska and Ryan (Katie) Nielsen of Fremont, Nebraska, great grandchildren Preston Nielsen, Harrison, Lorelei, Jenner, Genevieve, Gianna, Adelaide and Rhett Hudson, August Styskal, Kaleb and Ruston Nielsen, her brother and sister-in-law John and JoAnn Sullivan of Valley, Nebraska and her sister Dorothy Elias of Elkhorn, Nebraska.

Funeral service 10:30 AM Monday, United Faith Community Church, Valley, NE. Interment Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn. Visitation Sunday 5-8 PM at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn. Memorials to the church.

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 22.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

**MAY 23.** 10:30 AM (CT)

United Faith Community Church  
218 West Gardiner Street  
Valley, NE 68064

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marianne Nielsen*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Dorothy, Kathy and Denise purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.reic hmuthfuneralhomes.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Marianne Nielsen.*

**Dorothy, Kathy and Denise** - May 23, 2022 at 07:40 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marianne Nielsen.*



May 21, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marianne Nielsen.*



May 21, 2022 at 10:46 AM

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“ Love, Dorothy, Kathy and Denise purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Marianne Nielsen.



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**Love, Dorothy, Kathy and Denise** - May 21, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marianne Nielsen.



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May 20, 2022 at 03:53 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marianne Nielsen.

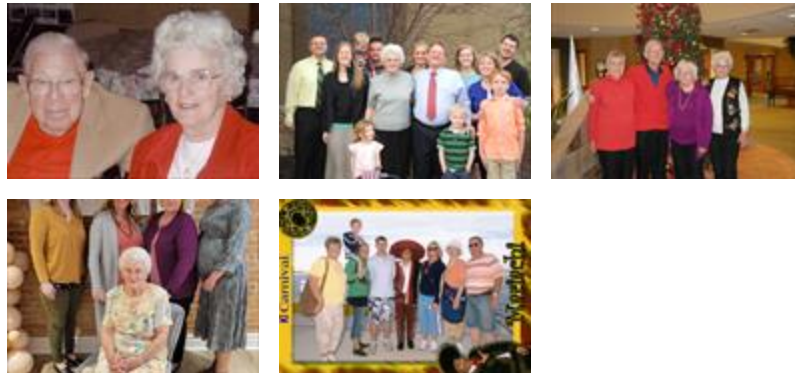


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May 18, 2022 at 11:02 AM

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“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Holly Styskal (Nielsen) - May 17, 2022 at 11:10 PM

LB

“ You were fabulous. You taught me how to tie my shoes. And not to mention the Plaster of Paris birthday cake, sparkles and all. Candles were lit to celebrate our birthdays. You will always be the best part of Valley. I loved you so much. .



Lynn Bentley - May 17, 2022 at 05:01 PM

JS

Without you. My nephew, Tim would never have passed his senior project. You were a true inspiration to many!

Jeannie Scholz - May 17, 2022 at 09:05 PM

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She was the greatest kindergartner teacher and I huge part of the valley community, she will truly be missed ,I can say she was great. She will sadly be missed, rip mrs nielsen.

Nielsen. Fischer ott - May 19, 2022 at 03:18 PM



“ *My siblings and I all had Mrs. Nielsen when we began our sojourn into the world of schooling. She was warm but stern and we learned so much in her care. I had the pleasure of working with her for several years on the Valley Alumni Board and it was an honor to be able to chat with her adult to adult (even though I had a hard time calling her anything BUT Mrs. Nielsen!). To the entire family, thank you for allowing so many children to be influenced by her teaching and love, she lived a long beautiful life and I know she will be missed. Tracy McArdle Kochenderfer (Kindergarten class of '63-64)*

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**Tracy Kochenderfer** - May 17, 2022 at 10:43 AM

MR

“ Like many that will share their memories of Mrs. Nielsen she was my Kindergarten teacher at Valley. She was my first introduction to the school system and it was a great introduction. She help take a scared little kid and helped him make friends outside of his neighborhood.

She taught us all so much of our foundations. An alphabet, which we turned into words, that became sentences, and paragraphs. Some of us eventually even wrote books later in life. She taught us numbers, which we eventually learned how to add, subtract, multiply, divide, and combine with a multitude of operations that helped us become programmers, physicists, engineers, and other scientifically oriented careers.

More importantly she taught us about friendship, caring, sharing, and compassion. Skills that were important on the playground, and eventually in the offices and boardrooms of America. She taught us the strength of the apology and the compassion of forgiveness.

She even taught us the value of taking a moment to slow down and take a nap in the middle of everything.

As I teach preschool and older children on a daily basis I often use what she taught me and my fellow Kindergartners as a template for the lessons that I try to teach as well, even though I teach body movement and self-defense. Her legacy lives on through me in ways that I'm sure she may not have known directly about. Her flame burns bright.

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Michael Rowe - May 17, 2022 at 08:27 AM